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**Community Issues & Programming Report  
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July 1-September 30**

**The following issues have been identified by WCMH-TV to be of  
concern to the Columbus, Ohio DMA**

- 1. Community/Downtown Development**
- 2. Drug Abuse**
- 3. Education**
- 4. Housing/Day Care**
- 5. Transportation/Infrastructure**
- 6. Health & Human Services**
- 7. Crime & Criminal Justice**
- 8. Youth/Family/Elderly**
- 9. Minority**
- 10. Employment**
- 11. Environment**
- 12. Cultural Arts**

## NBC 4, COLUMBUS, OHIO

### QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAM REPORT

July 1, 2006 – September 30, 2006

NBC 4 attempts to serve the public interest by presenting broadcast material that treats significant issues of the people in central Ohio. The following is a brief description of some of the segments and programs we believe have provided the most significant treatment of those issues during the third quarter (July 1, 2006 – September 30, 2006), including the title of the program or segment, its length, date, and duration of the broadcast.

**Public Service Announcements**--:04 ID, :10, :15, :20, and :30 lengths; these short-form segments offer community awareness about an organization that serves a specific issue or publicizes one of the organization's fund-raising efforts.

**NBC 4 Today, NBC 4 Midday, NBC 4 at 5, NBC 4 at 6, NBC 4 at 11, NBC 4 Today Weekend Edition at 6 a.m. and 8 a.m. on Saturdays and at 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. on Sundays, and NBC 4 at 6 Weekend Edition and NBC 4 at 11 Weekend Edition.** Time: 5:00-7:00 a.m., 12:00-1:00 p.m., 5:00-6:00 p.m., 6:00-6:30 p.m., 11:00-11:35 p.m. Monday-Friday, 6:00-7:00 a.m. and 8:00-9:00 a.m. on Saturday, 7:00-8:00 a.m. and 9:00-10:30 a.m. on Sunday, 6:00-6:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and 11:00-11:35 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

### I. COMMUNITY/DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

NBC 4 at 6, July 6, 2006. Tax Break. Ohio Governor Bob Taft says the State's fiscal shape is getting better and now is the right time for an income tax rollback. That comes out to about an average of \$73 per taxpayer. The net result is we are able to accelerate the benefits of the 21% income tax cut by raising the amount, reducing the amount that we withhold from taxpayers checks. The rollback will come in the fall, a little more than a month before Ohioans will go to the polls and vote on a full slate of hotly contested races. Democratic leader in the Ohio House, Joyce Beatty, says you won't find a lawmaker on eight side of the isle who is against what she calls a "fair" tax cut. 1:00 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, July 10, 2006 Animal Ban. "I had a police officer who attended a domestic call and found a 3 foot alligator inside an aquarium," stated Scott Schertzer, Marion City Council. That same kind of thing has happened in Columbus as well. Marion City Councilman Scott Schertzer says reptiles have generally been more of a concern in his community than any other type of creature. They have had a couple of rattlesnake bite incidents. He feels that maybe inside the city limits wasn't the place for those types of animals. But the exotic pet ban which Marion City Council is expecting to pass tonight does include much more. All venomous snakes, apes, gorillas, crocodiles (more than 24 inches long", poisonous spiders (except tarantulas) and wolf hybrids among others. Iguanas and boa constrictors (up to a certain length) are still acceptable in the city of Marion. Marion City Council considered allowing some exotic pets to remain, if they were grandfathered in or registered with the city, but instead they've gone to a total ban of the 34 types of animals included. 1:10 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, July 11, 2006. Fence Battle. Joan and Chris Deever purchased their new home behind Lazelle Woods Park a few years ago, because of the wooded area behind the property. About a month ago, the Deevers and their neighbors were notified by the city of Columbus that a fence would be installed. The city says some residents were encroaching on the city property. The city plans this as a dedicated nature preserve area, which is fine with the Deevers and other residents, but as crews prepare to install the fence they feel they were not included in the decision. The home owners weren't really given a choice, the meeting that was fence was going in regardless of what they had to say. The city decided against a chain link fence and a split rail was more of a compromise to kind of draw that designated line but allow something that looks more natural to be in the area for the sake of the home owners. 1:08 in length

NBC 4 at 11, July 11, 2006. Westerville Credit. Police say this woman is responsible for stealing thousands of dollars from 2 women's credit cards in less than a day. Brian Spoon, Westerville Police Department, stated: "was able to get approximately \$17,500 in several cash advance transactions with the stolen cards." This all happened back on June 21<sup>st</sup>. One of the victims had just finished shopping at this camera store in Westerville and went to a nearby restaurant. She tried to pay for her meal, police say, she realized her wallet was gone. She started canceling the cards and learned her 3 stolen cards had already seen a great deal of activity. Police say the suspect used the victim's credit cards to withdraw thousands of dollars at area banks. But a bank investigation uncovered this suspect had more than one victim, whose credit cards she stole and used the same day around the same time. Detectives trace a prepaid cell phone, used to access the victim's accounts, to a Carmacita

Kennedy in Chicago. They're not sure if that's the suspect's name, but they do believe this woman has ties to Columbus and are hoping someone will recognize her. 1:06 in length

NBC 4 at 5, July 12, 2006. Cab Rate Hike. It seems the prices at the pump are affecting everyone, and now even those cab rides will be more expensive. City Council has approved a hike in rates for taxi services. Hiring a cab now will be \$2.75 instead of \$2. And each mile you ride will cost you .12 ½ % more. Even asking a taxi to wait for you will cost a few bucks extra. The new price will be \$27 an hour, instead of \$24. This is the first time council has raised these rates since 1999. :30 in length

NBC 4 at 5, July 12, 2006. EMS Disaster Training. Today in central Ohio, EMS and First Responders will be trained for disasters. The sessions will train on the disaster triage system used by First Responders for mass casualty events. In the past, each hospital had their own disaster protocol, now all 24 hospitals in the central Ohio Homeland Security District will begin using the "Smart" triage system, to streamline disaster situations. :21 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, July 12, 2006. Dog Leash. Susie lover wandering the open fields of Whetstone Park, off her lease. Susie's owner says in the 6 years he's walked her here, she's never gotten in a dog fight. In fact, he thinks putting a dog on a leash would make it more aggressive. But Columbus Recreation and Parks Commissioners disagree. They say unleashed dogs create uncertainties. "Our most frequent complaint people call they've been intimidated or threatened by a dog off the leash." They say there is a health issue. "We require owner pickup after dog, turns into scavenger hunt 100 yards away and not able to find it." Don Luckhaupt, Susie's owner, says even if there is a leash rule, he and many other dog walkers will simply ignore it. "This is our park and to deny us ability to walk without leash is ridiculous." 1:00 in length

NBC 4 at 11, July 14, 2006. Construction Checkup. From the North to the Northeast, to the West of Columbus drivers can bet on seeing orange barrels. Four major projects top ODOT's (Ohio Department of Transportation) list in 2006. Including I-70 in Madison County, I-270 and 71, Polaris Parkway and I-270 and 161. Good news for drivers, out of all of ODOT's major construction projects, this is one here at Polaris Parkway is scheduled to be completed the earliest, with completion expected by the end of summer. Orange barrels mean progress, improvement, faster commutes and reduced congestion. 1:18 in length

NBC 4 Today, July 17, 2006. Genoa Township Meeting. Tonight Genoa Township Police are offering up some free advice for residents. They're holding a township wide block watch meeting at the Heritage Christian Church on Maxtown Road. Among the things they plan to talk about: home security, identity theft preventions and online child safety. That meeting starts tonight at 7:30. :20 in length

NBC 4 at 11, July 18, 2006. Neighborhood Issues. Jeannie Walker lives next to a vacant Southside home. The grass is over a foot high. There's trash in the yard and according to the city, the property is not up to code. Code Enforcement says the owner lives out of town, and will be cited. The city gets more than 2100 complaints from annoyed neighbors every month. These eyesores are more than a nuisance, experts say they can hurt your property value. Rather than pull out your hair over your neighbor's failure to pull weeds, here are some tips. Try talking to your neighbor. A simple letter or phone call may be enough to solve the problem. Next, if you live in a community with a home owners association, consult their rules. Sometimes they can get a quicker response than City Code Enforcement. 1:28 in length

NBC 4 at 11, July 20, 2006. Big Darby Meeting. An escape to nature just miles from the inner city, Big Darby Creek is a natural sanctuary to fish, canoe or observe nature. Folks like Gent Gray want to keep it that way. Gary's house is above the Big Darby. He's encouraged by plans to manage future growth. It all started 2 years ago when a temporary construction ban was put in place. For instance, preserving green space, promoting environmental designed construction, and requiring most new developments to hook onto sewer and water. Nor more widespread septic systems that can pollute runoff. The Columbus Development Commission approved the plan at this meeting. Council gets final approval later. It's one of ten cities, county and local governments that drew up the plan. While some land owners argue stringent rules limit their ability to get top dollar, residents like Kent Gray don't mind. Preserving the Big Darby, a top priority for many. 1:22 in length

NBC 4 at 11, July 21, 2006. Westside Sewers. When Billy Stafford flushes his toilet, it pumps down into the basement. Raw sewage from the past year and a half is covering the floor and it smells as bad as you can imagine. The problem has to do with two trees next to a nearby rail line. One of the trees was cut down, one was pruned to just a trunk. Both of them are 25 to 30 feet from Stafford's property. The roots from those trees have grown into the sewer system, basically shutting it off. The City of Columbus cut the trees down, but it has taken months to determine whose property the trees were on. The railroad saying that this is a city problem and the city saying it is the railroads. The roots are still Stafford's problem. The roots are affecting at least 4 houses near Stafford's home in Franklinton. 1:11 in length

NBC 4 at 11, July 26, 2006. Enhanced 911. A 72 year old disoriented woman spends 8 hours trapped in her car making 16 911 calls trying to let emergency crews know where she was. Nobody heard her. But a new 933 system could make sure that

never happens again. Franklin County starts testing next month, but Delaware's is up and running. Their dispatchers can track down cell phone calls nearly to the spot where the call is being made. Talking from a distance of a little more than 3 yards, that's how close an enhanced system can pinpoint a call. But as we found out when we put it to the test, there are problems. The wireless calls can drop out. For example a call coming in from an older cell phone, it takes nearly one and half minutes for the system to pinpoint the caller's location and it is off by a few homes. From a newer cell phone it finds the exact address immediately. 1:41 in length

NBC 4 at 11, July 27, 2006. Sidewalk Meeting. This group walks along Milton Road nearly every evening. It's a narrow street that pedestrians share with cars. Residents say a sidewalk would be nice. Others agree so they voiced their opinion about getting sidewalks at a public hearing on the topic. Council Member Mary Ellen O'Shaughnessy is spearheading the effort. She says 40% of Columbus has no sidewalks, but all that could change. "Do a petition process. If 60% of the people decide they do want to build sidewalks the city will go in and build sidewalks." One idea is for the city to front the cost and homeowners repay it through property taxes over a 10 year period. Councilmember O'Shaughnessy says the proposal still needs a lot of work before these signs can be replaced by sidewalks. 1:03 in length

NBC 4 at 11, August 2, 2006. Recreation and Parks Director. An emergency meeting called late this afternoon, to discuss personnel issues at the Recreation and Parks Department. In the meeting, 5 commission members and the city attorney discussed the future of Recs and Parks Director, Wayne Roberts. During an executive session, the commission voted to place Roberts on indefinite paid administrative leave until further notice. This stemming from a criminal investigation into alleged improper conduct by Roberts at the Department. Commission members remain tight-lipped about the investigation and what it entails. And a search warrant executed by Columbus Police at the Parks headquarters remains sealed. NBC 4 tried to make contact with Roberts at his home, but no luck and still no answers. So far, no charges have been filed against Roberts. Commission members have appointed Jerry Saunders as interim director until the investigation is complete. 1:10 in length

NBC 4 at 6, August 6, 2006. Pickerington Sex Ordinance. A local suburb may be the next community to set far tougher standards for where convicted sex offenders can and cannot live. State law already prohibits sex offenders from living within 1000 feet of a school. But, if Pickerington City Councilman Keith Smith has his way, that community would ban sex offenders who have been convicted of crimes against children from living near daycares, parks and other areas children spend a lot of time. :20 in length

NBC 4 at 11, August 13, 2006. Disaster Drill. A tornado has just ripped through a school, taking off the roof, causing a fire and leaving dozens of victims in its wake. It may only be a drill, but in an actual disaster, even before police or firefighters are on the scene, there's the Community Emergency Response Team or CERT. CERT team members are everyday people, volunteers who have been trained to respond in an emergency. Triaging and rescuing before professional help arrives. Today's victims were Boy Scouts. The large skill drill is a part of the 20 hour training. Organizers say it allows trainees to understand real disaster possibilities through role play. CERT members say though today might be role-play, when disaster strikes, they're ready to play a role. 1:19 in length

NBC 4 Midday, August 21, 2006. Wal-Mart/Library. Sometimes the solution to a problem sits right before your eyes, as in the case of a public library on the verge of homelessness. Sara Paulk, Head Librarian, stated: "The renovation is so comprehensive it may take 2 years." Moving was the only option for the library as workers repaired their permanent home. Board members looked far and wide for a building big enough and cheap enough for the library, but they couldn't find one. A vacant Wal-Mart building as a temporary library? Joseph Carter, a state Senator and attorney, stated: "I know it's one of those things where you think you can't make that happen, the David and Goliath situation. In this case, was the small town of Tifton Georgia and Goliath was Wal-Mart. One of Senator Carter's first challenges involved finding the right person in a huge multi-national corporation to even consider his idea. He found a community-minded individual. 1:47 in length

NBC 4 at 6, August 22, 2006. Jail Overcrowding. The Franklin County jail houses well over 2000 inmates at 2 facilities. One of them constructed in 1971 and updated in 1997, the other constructed in 1986. In the last several years, those facilities have been housing far more inmates than they were designed to hold. It's a topic that's about to be brought up again, as the Franklin County Commissioners move to hire a consultant. That consultant will have the next several months to decide what needs to be done. Could be new construction, could be new technology to make better use of space or perhaps both. Some efforts have been made to deal with the issue of jail overcrowding here. The questions now being asked, deal with the long term. Some preliminary dollar figures are expected in the next week and a half. 1:20 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, September 1, 2006. Main Street Bridge. The old Main Street bridge is being demolished today in downtown Columbus. The city is working on construction of a new soaring arch bridge. The 44 million dollar bridge will reconnect Franklinton and the downtown. :20 in length



NBC 4 at 6, September 1, 2006. Governor's Debates. The gubernatorial debate scheduled for next month in Columbus is in doubt. Democrat Ted Strickland and Republican Ken Blackwell can't agree on a moderator. The Ohio Association of Broadcasters pulled its sponsorship of the October 14<sup>th</sup> debate, which was to be broadcast statewide. The event was scheduled as the candidates 4<sup>th</sup> and final debate before the election. The Broadcasters' Association says the only moderator both campaigns liked was Jim Lehrer, anchor of PBS "News Hour," but he wasn't available. :26 in length

NBC 4 at 11, September 5, 2006. Manhole Dispute. It's a 10 year-old development but what these homeowners never knew, was that access points to the sanitary sewer system, complete with full-size man-hole covers, were apparently buried under their lawns when the place was built. Brian Kaspar and his neighbors got the letters a couple weeks ago from the Pizzuti Companies, the neighborhood's developer. The letter said that in an effort to adjust the man-hole covers, bringing the system up to code some landscaping might be disturbed. "they dug for 2 days until they found it and just recently have covered it up." This is what it took to find the manhole buried under Kaspar's lawn. And when it's all said and done, he says he'll now have a hunk of steel permanently sticking up in the middle of that green grass. The same is happening in several yards here. Homeowners fear, since the hidden manholes did not meet code, that there may be little they can do about these things they never knew existed. 1:05 in length

NBC 4 at 6, September 11, 2006. OSU Riot Plan. The numbers don't look good for Ohio State when it comes to how students scored after the Texas match up. Investigators say 50 fires were set - couches, dumpsters set on fire along Chittenden, Summit and 12<sup>th</sup>. Police say 17 people arrested, 5 of them were charged with arson. Police and the Fire Department say they will have extra forces out for the Penn State and Michigan home games in the anticipation of more problems. The University says it has determined at least 2 of those arrested are students and they have been suspended. :30 in length

#### **Public Service Announcements**

Better Business Bureau Integrity Awards Call for Nominations

:04 in length

Aired July 1-July 6

Better Business Bureau Integrity Awards Call for Nominations

:15 in length

Aired July 1-July 6

Better Business Bureau Integrity Luncheon

:10 in length

Aired September 3-September 21

Better Business Bureau Integrity Luncheon

:04 in length

Aired September 8-September 25

Better Business Bureau Integrity Luncheon

:15 in length

Aired September 3-September 25

## **II. DRUG ABUSE**

NBC 4 Weekend at 6, July 2, 2006. Hocking Meth. Another meth lab operation has been found, this time in Hocking County. This was breaking news last night at eleven, sending emergency crews from around the region to respond along highway 327 near the Vinton County line. It was a routine traffic stop and officer training that landed a man in jail last night. It happened last night just before 11, when sheriff's deputies noticed equipment in the man's car that suggested a meth lab. :24 in length

NBC 4 at 11, July 26, 2006. DEA Drug Bust. This is what Khat looks like, it grows wild in Somalia and East Africa. You chew it and it's a stimulant. It's also illegal according to federal law enforcement. Today the largest Khat organization was busted. The DEA says Columbus, Ohio was a distribution center for this network. But it was nationwide, 8 states were distribution centers, with the hub being New York City. In Columbus, 6 people were arrested today allegedly part of this network. During this 18 month investigation, DEA says 5 tons of Khat worth 2 million dollars was seized. With these arrests, Khat trade is busted. Khat is a serious threat to public safety. 1:10 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, July 26, 2006. High on Air. A car in a building, Ontario investigators believe that the teenager who crashed a car into TGI Friday's Monday afternoon was high on "Air". Canned air, the kind you get in any office supply store. It's typically used to clean keyboards, but police say more and more teenagers are putting this directly in their mouths, inhaling and getting high. Five to ten minutes is generally the amount of time a high would last. It's called "dusting". A sense of euphoria followed by withdraw. Lt. Sqambellone, is a part of a Richland County Drug Task Force. He says the trend towards inhalants is disturbing because the users are typically teens. There are warnings, even a picture on the can. But users don't seem to realize the dangers of the chemicals. On Monday, the driver 19 year-old Jacob Patton, had to be cut out of his vehicle and rushed to the hospital. The crash injured 2 women inside the restaurant. 1:23 in length

NBC 4 at 11, August 5, 2006. Mobile Meth Lab. A Park Ranger in Ross County busts a meth lab on wheels. A Park Ranger making a routine traffic stop pulled over a car in the Tar Hollow State Forrest. He discovered it was a mobile meth lab and took 2 people into custody. Right now they're waiting for decontamination crews to take over the scene. :19 in length

NBC 4 at 6, August 7, 2006. Marijuana Eradication. Today the war on drugs takes to the skies over Ohio. Agents with BCI along with other state and local authorities will launch the Statewide Marijuana Eradication Program. By plane agents will fly over Ohio's countryside looking for marijuana plants growing in rural areas. They do this each summer and destroy on average nearly 50 thousand marijuana plants each year. :19 in length

NBC 4 at 11, August 13, 2006. 50 Kilo Bust. Authorities found millions of dollars worth of drugs during a routine traffic stop. Police officials discovered 1000 pounds of marijuana and 50 kilos of cocaine hidden in a truck's floor boards. The truck was stopped in Maitland, Florida, after the driver failed to use his blinker when changing lanes. The drugs have a street value of nearly 2.5 million dollars. :25 in length

NBC 4 at 6, August 14, 2006. Fairfield Drug Teen. Parents of Fairfield County teenagers who take part in sports or any kind of extracurricular activity can breathe a little easier. A new youth behavior survey shows kids who take part in these activities really do have fewer issues with alcohol and drugs. This was one of several environmental factors that were statistically analyzed. Fairfield County Educational and Mental Health Authorities wanted the information, to learn the specifics that other national studies can't show them. There is good news that among 12<sup>th</sup> graders, for example, alcohol use declined from the first time survey, done in 2004, from 37.9% down to 34.9 % now. But with use still up over 14%, the experts are concerned. This survey compares these kids to kids around the nation, and a couple of stats are raising eyebrows. In Fairfield County, 3% of seniors use crack, compared to only 1% nationwide. And heroin is similar, only half a percent of 12 graders use it in the US, but use here is a whole percentage higher. 1:20 in length

NBC 4 at 5, August 15, 2006. Marco Cooper Drugs. Another former Buckeye in court this week. Marco Cooper has been sentenced to 3 years in prison. Investigators say the 24 year-old was in possession of cocaine and heroin when he was arrested back in March. He was convicted of drug charges and tampering with evidence at trial. He was also ordered to pay a \$10,000 fine. :19 in length

NBC 4 at 6, August 15, 2006. Black Heroin. Local, state and federal agents crippled a major drug cartel with ties to Central Ohio today. Anthony Marotta, DEA Asst. Special Agent in charge, stated: "This organization was responsible for distributing 2-3 kilos of Black Tar Heroin in Central Ohio a month and they reaped 2 million a year in drug proceeds." Twenty people were arrested in Columbus and more than a hundred were taken into custody nationwide as part of an International Investigation stretching from Mexico to 14 US cities. Seven search warrants were executed locally and major evidence was seized including guns, \$50,000 in cash and three-quarters of a kilo of heroin. When the Franklin County Sheriff's office began investigating heroin cases 9 months ago, it tapped into a larger scale drug operation. Sheriff Jim Karnes, Franklin County Sheriff's Office, stated: "We were able to link things through the information of the DEA, it involved 11 states and it kept growing." It expanded locally into Madison, Union and Richland Counties and Bucyrus and Genoa Township. 1:20 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, August 17, 2006. Drug Addictions. Drugs aren't just a younger generation problem anymore. A recent government study found that over the last decade, the greatest increase in people entering drug rehab are people over 45. Experts say there are significant differences between an 18 and a 40 year-old addict. :20 in length

NBC 4 at 11, September 7, 2006. Drugs Cash. Columbus Police say 20 year-old Timothy Can Gundy was already on probation for other drug charges when they arrested him today at his home off of Livingston Avenue. Now he's charged with an additional 2 counts of trafficking in cocaine. There could be more charges since he's so close to at 2 Columbus schools. Inside his home, police found more cocaine, 5 bottles of steroids, a semi-automatic handgun and \$6,200. But it was what else they found, that will bring Federal Agents into the case, \$4,100 in counterfeit money all in \$100 denominations. In fact, 2 fake \$100 bills were mixed in with the money he had in his pockets and police are wondering if he has spent it throughout Columbus and where. Some neighbors tell us Van Gundy, his girlfriend and child were welcome additions to the neighborhood and seemed like

nice quiet people. Others, however, say they thought something strange was going on at the house and wondered how such a young man, that they never saw go to work, could afford such a nice house. Now they know. 1:14 in length

NBC 4 Today at 6, September 13, 2006. Marion Drugs. More than a dozen suspects arrested during a drug raid in Marion last week are scheduled to be in court today. A multi-agency task force arrested 16 people suspected of dealing drugs out of Detroit and selling crack and marijuana in the Marion Area. Investigators say there could be more arrests. :17 in length

### III. EDUCATION

NBC 4 at 5, July 3, 2006. CPS Deficit. When Columbus Public Schools built this new elementary school, the district borrowed money and each year tax dollars are used to pay off the loan. The problem the district came up short on its projections. Terry Boyd, Columbus School Board President, stated: "It's 7 million on paper, realistically not that high." Franklin County Auditor Joe Testa agrees. "The best number we can come up with is 4 million." How did the district come up short, both sides are taking responsibility. One number was said on the phone another was written down, it shouldn't have happened and now we have tighter procedures. Now the district and the auditor are working on a plan to come up with more money which is where you come in. We can increase collection over the next 2 years. About 4/10 of a mill which is about \$12 on a \$100,000 home. \$12 more is the best case scenario. Both sides are still crunching numbers and hope the lesson learned is better accountability. 1:05 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, July 21, 2006. Safe School Routes. Andrea Castorano was walking home from Briggs High School 6 years ago when she was hit and killed by a car, her mother; Brenda Castorano believes if there had been sidewalks on the road leading to the high school, her daughter wouldn't have been killed. She has since lobbied City Officials to build side walks on every school route. Now 5 years later, Ohio's gotten 19 million dollars of Federal money to make the walk to and from Schools safer for our children. The state is asking school districts and community organizations to apply for a piece of the pie. Lindsey Komlanc, Ohio Department of Transportation, stated: "Some of the money is available for infra-structure projects like adding bike paths, adding side walks, adding cross walks and traffic calming." There are some restrictions: 10-30% must be used for education and to encourage safer practices. Projects must be within 2 miles of a school. But if this money were available 6 years ago, would it have helped save 15 year-old Andreas' life? 1:10 in length

NBC 4 at 6, July 25, 2006. Year Round School. While most kids in Central Ohio are still enjoying summer vacation, there are hundreds of local student who are already back in class. Woodcrest Elementary School is one of just a few Columbus Public Schools on a year-round schedule. There 440 students go to school in cycles of 45 days with 3 week breaks in between. :18 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, August 4, 2006. Tutors not Paid. "We want to get paid." That's what employees of a local organization are saying after working this summer under the No Child Left Behind Act. The Columbus Kappa Foundation started by members of Kappa Alpha Phi Fraternity, contracted tutors for their State Licensed Program. Under the terms of the contract, tutors were to be paid \$25/hour per child. Not they say they were never paid. They say they have been lied to several times. They say making the situation worse is the fact that so members of the Foundation paid themselves. NBC 4 talked with a board member of the foundation and he admits to what he calls an unfortunate situation but blames a rogue board member who no longer lives in the area. Shaw says she's owed \$2,300 and Henderson is still waiting on \$12,000 in wages.

NBC 4 at 6, August 4, 2006. Delaware Schools. Delaware's 12.9 mill levy replaces 2 other levies that are about ready to expire; one this December, one next December. Mary Anne Ashworth, Delaware Superintendent, stated: "So, basically, we're replacing the 2 levies by combining them rather than going for replacement of the 8.9 this year, then next year asking for a replacement of the 4." For a \$100,000 home, the levy would cost about \$200 a year, about what home owners are already paying. The District has already cut more than half-a-million dollars from the budget, but still need the money. It's about 22% of the budget. The District would lose 8 teachers, at least one administrator and cut the supply budgets to the buildings. The Superintendent says the District is committed to trimming extra-curriculars rather than elimination them. 1:03 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, August 9, 2006. Bus Inspection. Every inch, every corner, every bus is getting a detailed inspection. The annual check up is required. Inspectors look for any safety defect, from faulty brakes to fuel leaks. Trooper Smith of the Ohio State Patrol says there are 599 buses in the Columbus Public school District and it will take 2-3 weeks to make sure each one is ready to go for the school year. Inspectors pay attention to even the smallest of details. Most buses have a trash can if it's not secured the bus is stopped, it can roll into the driver area. Trooper Smith says even that can put the children in danger. 1:05 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, August 10, 2006. School Report Card. Rebecca Sampson was disappointed to learn Columbus Public Schools didn't meet State Standards. "We as parents depend on the schools to do what they have to do and educate our kids and if that doesn't happen then what's next, what do we have." The State uses a complex system that takes into account scores of reading, math and other academic tests. CPS fell 8 tenths of one % short of earning a score of 80 that would have put it in the continuous improvement category. Despite the numbers, District Superintendent Dr. Gene Harris insists test scores keep rising just not fast enough. The District has initiated Academic Intervention Programs. They say the key to raising the test score is parent involvement and time. 1:07 in length

NBC 4 at 6, August 14, 2006. Dress Code Reynoldsburg. As parents and their children get ready for the start of a new school year. Shopping for back-to-school clothing is a little tougher in one community. The Reynoldsburg Schools adopted a strict new dress code policy during the summer. It says clothes can't be too big or too small. Body piercing, except for ears no longer allowed. And there's to be no writing or pictures on tops, except for small logos. Some parents are frustrated. :25 in length

NBC 4 at 11, August 14, 2006. Hilliard Schools. It was a night of celebration, recognizing the academic achievements of the Hilliard City Schools. Senator Steve Strivers attended the Hilliard School Board meeting tonight to applaud the perfect score the State gave Hilliard on its 2005-2006 local report card. For the first time, Hilliard schools met all 25 educational indicators required by Ohio. The district also reached a performance index score of 101. That alone should have earned the District an over 'Excellent' rating, but because of another state requirement called 'Adequate Yearly Progress' Hilliard schools are only being given a label of 'Continuous Academic Improvement'. It's an unfortunate irony, the label the state gives you isn't what you earned. 45 other Ohio School districts face the same predicament. Senator Steve Stivers says Ohio is one of 3 states that links a student's socio-economic profile and language proficiency to the entire district's yearly progress score. 1:15 in length

NBC 4 at 6, August 15, 2006. Ohio Report Cards. The report cards are out with good and good news for Ohio's schools. The Ohio Department of Education says student scores are improving and the state's schools are moving in the right direction. The ODE's latest report card says 97% of the state's districts have improved their performance scores since last year. 8 out of 10 districts are considered 'Excellent' or 'Effective Educators'. 5 urban districts have moved up the 'Continuous Improvement' category. The high school graduation rate has also increased to 86.2%. The bad news: The Department says there are still large achievement gaps between racial, economic and language groups. :34 in length

NBC 4 at 6, August 16, 2006. CPS School. (Columbus Public Schools) It will operate in an old elementary school building and it will begin operating during the coming school year. It will be called the "Success Works Academy" But some people are wondering just how will a student get sent there and for how long? :14 in length

NBC 4 Midday, August 18, 2004. Lindsay Bruce. The man accused of kidnapping and murdering 5 year-old Emily Rimmel from her home in Madison Township almost 2 years ago was backing court this morning. Lindsay Bruce waived his right to a speedy trial that was supposed to start September 1<sup>st</sup>. The trial as been delayed until October. Bruce has pleaded not guilty. :20 in length

NBC 4 at 5, August 21, 2006. Tech School. Creating a Pod-cast? Yes, I-Pods will be just another educational tool for these teachers to use, at Metro High School. A building on Kenny Road owned by OSU is being reconfigured to house the school, which is pulling its first class of 9<sup>th</sup> graders from 14 Franklin County School Districts. Marcy Raymond, Principal of Metro High School stated: "We're going to have 104 kids to begin with. We'll add 100 kids every year after that, to a maximum capacity of 400 or so." The Columbus School District has contributed the greatest number of students, 59 coming from there. But the rest will come from Reynoldsburg, South-Western Schools, Dublin, Gahanna and everywhere in-between. These are not just necessarily your straight A math and science students. We have equal numbers of students with A's and C's. We have a large number of kids in the middle with B's. The idea is to give intensive focus on math and science early in high school. A goal accomplished with only 3 classes each day. But each one lasts 2 hours. The State dollars which would have gone to each student's home district will come here instead. Operating budget for year number one, 1.3 million dollars. 1:20 in length

NBC 4 at 5, September 1, 2006. Walking to school. A 2 mile walk to school. Many parents questioning why buses aren't picking up their students. One parent who volunteered to walk about 2 dozen students to school says it's chaotic. His concern, their safety, walking on busy streets and the distance. The area of concern is almost a 2 mile stretch starting near Main Street, going down Parsons Avenue to Livingston and then to Beck Elementary. :25 in length

NBC 4 Today at 6, September 6, 2006. Columbus School Board. Just as adults like positive reinforcement in the workplace, Columbus School leaders think children could use some more positive reinforcement in the classroom. A consultant briefed the Columbus School Board on a "positive behavior support" initiative Tuesday. Teachers will be trained to use the program this year. It was recommended by a task fore on student discipline put in place a year ago. :21 in length



NBC 4 at 6, September 6, 2006. Newark Levy Meeting. Newark City School Officials will be talking up the upcoming levy on the November ballot. The 7.9 mil operating levy will help pay for teachers, classroom supplies and academic programs. Newark has cut millions from the budget in recent years and will have to cut millions more if the levy is not passed. There will be 3 public meetings to discuss the levy. The first is tonight from 6 to 7:30 at the Jane McConnell Library at Newark High School. :31 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, September 6, 2006. School Lunches. Kathryn, Nutritionist says, "it's interesting that most people know that breakfast is the most important meal, but only 40-60% of middle school and high school students actually eat breakfast at least 3 times a week." She says studies show that children who eat breakfast do better in school. A good balanced breakfast should have a whole grain starch, protein and fruit. The same guidelines for good nutrition apply also to lunch. She suggests making your own versions of pre-packaged lunches. A low-fat cheese and turkey wrap, along with whole grain crackers, carrots, grapes and a 100% juice pack – the juice pack she freezes and uses as an ice pack in the lunch box. 1:47 in length

NBC 4 at 5, September 6, 2006. Briggs Fight. The fight broke out inside Briggs High School and put a student, another teen and an adult in jail. A brother and sister, and the sister's boyfriend, fought with School Resource Officer Gary Cooper. The two had come into the school to get the girl, who apparently had a doctor's appointment. They were told she couldn't go, because neither was a guardian. They went into the lunch room to find her. The School Resource Officer saw them. "They do have very strict rules about if you're not a student and if you're not a parent picking up a student then you don't belong in the school." He recognizes they're not students, asks them to leave, one becomes very belligerent and from that point on it escalated into a confrontation. "After the brother had started hitting, the student (his sister) jumped in and was like get off my brother, they was hitting, so there was like 3 or 4 people involved." The officer broke his ankle. All three of these are in custody at this point and that's unfortunate because if it was a situation where they just needed to take her to the doctor for an appointment or simply to bring medication, there's a protocol that has to be followed for the safety and security of all and unfortunately there were some bad choices made." 1:10 in length

NBC 4 at 6, September 11, 2006. Crenshaw/Harris. Gene Harris Superintendent of Columbus Public Schools stated: "This is very important because it relates to the next crisis situation how can I trust to get an appropriate response. The police were called not once but twice so I think she met reporting obligation and conducted herself in appropriate manner." Crenshaw's attorney says the hearing will continue for at least another 2 weeks. :25 in length

#### **Public Service Announcements**

Summer Reading Club

:10 in length

Aired July 2-August 2

Summer Reading Club

:30 in length

Aired July 2-July 30

Summer Reading Club

:04 in length

Aired July 1-August 2

Summer Reading Club

:15 in length

Aired July 1-August 3

Parents Vchip (Bad Guys version)

:30 in length

Aired July 27-September 30

Parents Vchip (Drugs version)

::30 in length

Aired July 28-September 30

Quill Book Awards (Al Roker)

:30 in length

Aired July 12-September 17

Quill Book Awards (Brian Williams)



:30 in length  
Aired July 7-September 17

Quill Book Awards (Ann Curry)  
:30 in length  
Aired July 9-September 17

Quill Book Awards (Version #4)  
:30 in length  
Aired July 8-September 16

Quill Book Awards (Version #5)  
:30 in length  
Aired July 15-September 16

#### IV. HOUSING/DAY CARE

NBC 4 at 5, July 1, 2006. Day Care investigation. Amy Partlow says after she enrolled her daughter in Today's Child Enrichment Day Care Center, the 2 year-old started acting strangely. She then noticed bruises on her arm and took her concerns to the director of the center. They identified the child's instructor and Partlow says she was told the instructor had a history and would be fired. Partlow has since gone to Grove City Police, and investigators with Grove City are handling the case and have also contacted the Franklin County Children's Services. The Day Center says they have full confidence in their staff and denies the instructor has a troubled past. Yet Partlow is concerned because the instructor is still working. She went to the facility and recorded a meeting between her and the Director. In that conversation the Director admits she has had problems with the instructor and says she will be fired. 1:10 in length

NBC 4 Midday, July 3, 2006. Home Builders Show. Home Builders suffering their worst slump in 4 years, say they'll really on new designs, gizmos and gadgets to re-ignite the industry. Everything from the ultimate automated toilet, complete with warming seat, jet sprays and a hot air blow dryers that eliminates the need for toilet paper. To this luxurious \$8000 tub from Kohler. Think infinity pool, but for bath tubs, and a body bubble system that will transform the way you think of bathing. There's a renewed interest in renewable energy. Rooftop solar panel overlays can now be replaced by this solar tile technology built into the roof tiles themselves. 1:15 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, July 6, 2006. Children Services. After a month of picketing, the resolve of child support workers on strike is only growing stronger. County Commissioners have agreed to come back to the mediation table and the workers say they're optimistic. Workers say the issue remains the same, wages. They say the amount of work is not in line with the pay, causing the agency to have high turnover. It seems that neither side is backing down. The County is offering a 2% pay increase and an increase in health care costs. Even without the workers, management says its business as usual - minus 144 people. 1:01 in length

NBC 4 at 11, July 9, 2006. FCCS Strike. No contract, no work. It's what Franklin County child support workers had been saying for nearly a month. But tomorrow those same strikers will be back at work. A settlement agreement was reached after an 11- hour overnight session between Teamsters Local 284 and County Representatives. There was give and take on both sides until an answer was found that everyone can live with. Until 2009, both sides can live with a 2% yearly pay increase retroactive to January 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. The workers were asking for a 4% increase. The Union accepted the County Health Care Plan which includes a payroll deduction of \$50 for a spouse and caps at \$85. It's a fair agreement for taxpayers of Franklin County and it is a fair agreement for all employees of Franklin County. Commissioners expressed their appreciation to employees who remained on the job for their long hour and look forward to the future. 1:15 in length

NBC 4 at 5, July 18, 2006. Neighborhood Associations. If you've ever lived in a condominium, you already know there are resident rules in place to maintain a consistent appearance. It's unlikely that anyone can stop you from making changes inside your home, but outside is a different story. It can be as important as keeping you from painting the front of your house a different color to as I would call, petty, making sure you don't have certain types of ornaments in front of your house that would offend somebody. Attorney Ken Kuehnle has written a book on Condo Laws in Ohio. Residents not complying with the rules can face financial penalties. But do these associations have any real teeth. How far can they go to enforce rules? In a condominium association, you can come out and put a lien on the property but just going down to the courthouse and saying, we, this person owes us X amount of dollars and the lien is filed and then it becomes a lien like a mortgage or any other lien

that you can actually foreclose the person's home. Although that is an extreme example, it is possible. Appeal processes are in place, but Kuehnle says it's vital for condo owners to know what could happen. 1:18 in length

NBC 4 Today, August 1, 2006. Reynoldsburg Apartment. This woman says she's afraid for her children because her apartment building is falling apart and the owners won't do anything about it. Broken railings, missing fire extinguishers, exposed wiring and occupancy violations. Reynoldsburg City Attorney Jed Hood says he's taken complaints from residents for almost a year and has more than 200 photos of violations. "The floor actually gave way and she fell through the floor into the crawl space under the sub-basement." The City filed a lawsuit asking environmental Judge Harlan Hale to hold a hearing so residents can testify about the conditions. The owners tell NBC 4 they're not aware of the lawsuit, but claim they'll work with the city to fix the problems. :58 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, August 2, 2006. Real Estate Rip-off. The once booming housing industry is cooling off. Expect rising interest to replace the last 8 years of building bliss. A lot of people are in an adjustable rate mortgage, they're all of a sudden finding their payment going way up. Often that's getting people into trouble and it will get worse, before it gets better for Central Ohio. Richard Cord ray, Franklin County Treasurer, and members of the Saving Our Homes Task Force, went door to door to let homeowners know about foreclosure information meetings next week. This well groomed neighborhood has experienced 25 foreclosures in the last 20 months. Con artist may encourage consumers to sign away the deed to their homes as "collateral" or take on loans they can't afford, leading to foreclosure. Credit-challenged home owners who often don't know how much home equity they're sitting on. Always get at least 3 separate loan offers before you sign on the dotted-line. If you find yourself in trouble, contact your lender. Don't let it fester, because it gets out of control and then they're really in trouble. 1:00 in length

NBC 4 at 11, August 3, 2006. Home Repair Fraud. As the storms make their way through, frequently on the move are less than legit home-improvement offers. Tonight a warning of one of those schemes. It happened in Pataskala, where police say several men including, Morris Herrin and Ollie Eddington, tried to take advantage of an elderly woman. The men told the 86 year-old she needed to replace her lightening rod, she thought it was strange and she told a friend who then called police. :27 in length

NBC 4 at 5, August 8, 2006. Child Abuse Tour. Today, Children's Hospital received a check for their efforts to prevent child abuse. The check for just under \$100,000 is to run the 24 hour line for parents who need help. The Hospital then took commissioners on a tour of the Center for Child and Family Advocacy. The Center houses a child abuse medical team, therapist and law enforcement. :19 in length

NBC 4 at 6, August 8, 2006. Storm Repair. It can happen at anytime, sudden damage and a big cleanup. Natural disasters can bring out the best in people, as strangers pitch in to help. But it can also bring people who choose to take advantage. You want to avoid doing any business with anybody that comes to your door with out thoroughly checking them out first. Sounds basic but a lot of people who are desperate for a quick repair, are most likely to fall victim. They need to do their home work to make sure they have the best possible experience and outcome. Check with your insurance company about policy coverage. Get at least 3 estimates, get everything in writing to avoid confusing and to protect yourself and consider how you'll pay for the repairs. :50 in length

NBC 4 at 6, August 10, 2006. Hot Playgrounds. Most playgrounds are a lot different compared to a generation ago, with safety as the driving force for improvements. Even with improved safety, a potential injury still lurks on area playgrounds during the summer. Hot metal, while rubber and plastic parts have replaced some metal and even some metal is coated, some familiar play gear pose a burn potential for children. Aside from falls from high places, parents say, the next major concern is a serious burn from hot metal parts, like this popular slide. The Consumer Product Safety Commission says contact burn injuries can occur in a matter of seconds with cases of children who suffered from second and third degree burns to the hands and legs. Using a digital thermometer, we checked out the surfaces of area playground equipment. Even on a cloudy day, the surface of this slide maintained temperatures above 100 degrees. Imagine what it's like on a really hot day. The CPSC says the best thing for parents to do is to check out equipment on a hot day before children begin to play. 1:12 in length

NBC 4 at 11, August 12, 2006. Dangerous Building. What was meant to be off-campus housing has become a makeshift shelter for the homeless. The stalled project is stirring up a lot of neighborhood concern. Lydia Pantages, Olde North Columbus Preservation Society stated: "When construction started it was all well and good and somewhere down the line it stopped and when it stopped this building was not secured. Volunteers from the Olde North Columbus Preservation Society and the Findley Avenue Community Watch Collaborative have spent the past month complaining to City Council about the unfinished apartments. In recent weeks, vandals reportedly knocked loose some of the roof supports and these beams began falling. Despite exposed wires and other dangers, there are signs of life here, discarded beer bottles and pizza boxes. In an e-mail Friday to the Preservation Society, a City Council Representative assured residents code enforcement and building inspectors are looking into matter. 1:15 in length

NBC 4 Midday, August 23, 2006. Home Sales. We get our first look a home sales today. Numbers for existing homes sales for July come out later this morning. Analysts expect the number of homes to fall to a yearly average of 6.57 million. That's down about point 8%. New housing starts for July some out tomorrow. :20 in length

NBC 4 at 11, September 1, 2006. Log Cabin Auction. Among the mobile homes and tailgaters on the OSU grounds tonight is a long cabin on wheels. That's Pete Johnson, number 33 from 1973 to 1976, the fullback that blocked the 2 time Heisman Trophy winner Archie Griffin. It's his cabin and he says even when he was playing for the Buckeyes, his dream was to be a tailgater. "I remember Coach Hayes had a log cabin that he used to retreat to, that would hold maybe 6 people. So I wanted to do something in memory of Coach Hayes. And in honor of the man he says he thinks of every day. Perhaps because of Coach Hayes, Pete Johnson is paying forward. He is raffling off this cabin he had built. He says the money will go to a foundation to help inner-city boys reach their maximum potential. Tickets at \$100 a piece and the winner will be announced at halftime during the Michigan Game. 1:00 in length

NBC 4 at 6, September 7, 2006. Home Improvement. The cases again 51 year old William Williams of Johnstown first surfaced in 2004. Charges alleged he had taken money for construction work on homes and businesses that had never been completed. Now there are 16 victims in all, spread out all over the place. Licking County consolidated the cases and Williams has pleaded guilty to all 21 counts of felony grand theft and engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity. The penalties carry a maximum sentence of 35 and ½ years. But an agreement has been discussed between the prosecution and defense that would allow Williams to apply for early release. If ordered to pay restitution, the bill could be well into the thousands. 1:10 in length

NBC 4 at 6, September 7, 2006. Home Mortgage. As recent as 2005, the housing industry was clicking along, generating a larger pool of homeowners. For some consumers, they chose adjustable rate mortgages. In fact, more than 1 out of 10 mortgages written in the first 5 months of this year are Option Arms. Adjustable rate mortgages are attractive because of the lower initial interest rate, compared to an often higher interest rate for fixed rate financing. Many of the Option Arms taken out in 2004 and 2005 are resetting at much higher payment schedules, that's a big surprise to consumers who thought the low installments were fixed for at least 5 years. The most diligent home buyers asked enough questions to know that Option Arms can be sprinkled with risk, but others, caught up in the real estate mania, ignored or failed to appreciate the risk. Experts say, adjustable rate mortgages are best if you only expect to live in your house for 3-5 years. 1:00 in length

#### **Public Service Announcements**

Foreclosure Prevention

:30 in length

Aired July 3-July 6

Foreclosure Prevention

:15 in length

Aired July 7-July 30

Breakfast With The Best (Action for Children)

:10 in length

Aired August 23-September 22

Breakfast With The Best (Action for Children)

:04 in length

Aired August 23-September 25

Breakfast With The Best (Action for Children)

:15 in length

Aired August 20-September 24

#### **V. TRANSPORTATION/INFRASTRUCTURE**

NBC 4 at Midday, July 1, 2006. Street Closures. Red and White and Boom will go on as planned despite the wet weather. The festivities kicked off downtown at 10 this morning. If you're heading down keep in mind there are lots of street closures. You'll find parts of Washington Blvd., Front, Broad and Marconi closed. The best way to get downtown is to use the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street exit from I-670. But avoid Neil Avenue which merges onto Civic Center Drive. :24 in length

NBC 4 at 11, July 4, 2006.      Holiday Roads. State Troopers say drive sober, drive slowly and buckle up. The statistics for this holiday are quite sobering. More people are killed in accidents on July 4th than on any other day of the year. July 3<sup>rd</sup> is the second deadliest day for motorists. A new Highway Safety Study shows 4 out of 10 die on this day with alcohol levels above the legal limit. :20 in length

NBC 4 at 11, July 4, 2006.      270 Barriers. It's fatal accidents like these the State wants to prevent, when one car crosses over and hits another on a highway. From the air you can see there's little room for driver error when nothing's in the middle. For Central Ohio, more cable barriers are on the way. We'll soon see 13 more miles of cable barrier. First, on I-270 from the Johnstown Road over pass, south to State Route 16, known as Broad Street, and on I-70 from US 33 east to the Franklin County line. There've been dozens of crossovers on these spots during a recent 5 year period, 6 were fatal. The cost of cable, made by a Marion Company is 1/4<sup>th</sup> as much as concrete barricades. Construction on the new sections will be finished by the end of October. 1:13 in length

NBC 4 at 5, July 5, 2006.      Car Safety. On Sunday, on I-270, Kristi Bailey's car was hit from behind and sent flying into the air. A Good Samaritan, Wayne Luft, tried to pull her out, when he noticed the car was smoking, he and his girlfriend ran, barefooted to more than 25 vehicles looking for a fire extinguisher. He says only the semi had them, but wouldn't give them up. If he knocked on your window, could you help? Joanna Herncane, AAA - Ohio, stated: "Really, there's a lot of items that people don't carry in their cars. Once they get in an accident or play Good Samaritan, that's when they notice, - hey, I need more in my car. We advise all motorists to keep an emergency roadside kit in their vehicle." That kit should include First Aid supplies, jumper cables, flares, a reflective triangle and there's that fire extinguisher. 1:10 in length

NBC 4 at 6, July 6, 2006.      Wrong Way Accident. Doctors don't know how long it will take before 22 year-old Kristi Bailey will be able to walk again. 5 nights ago, Bailey was hit head on by a suspected wrong way driver on Interstate 270 near 71. Both of Bailey's knee caps are broken along with both her feet, one heel is gone. Police say the driver who hit her was drunk. 16 year-old James Doty showed us that ticket, where he was charged with driving the wrong way and drunk driving. Doty says he really wants Kristi to get better. He made a mistake and he is sorry. 1:22 in length

NBC 4 at 11, July 12, 2006.      Dangerous Intersection. Teresa Horstman lives on Plain City-Georgesville Road in Madison County, about a half mile south of US 40. She says everyday she worries someone is going to get hurt at that intersection, just like her neighbor a year and a half ago. The intersection is known for being one of the busiest in the county. You have 4 lanes of traffic traveling on US Rt 40 and a 2 way stop on US 142. So far this year, State Troopers say there's only seen about 1 crash per month at the intersection, but it's still an area they monitor. ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation) acknowledge there is a problem and say they have plans to fix it. But they say it is not as simple as just putting up a traffic light. The elevation on the east and west bound lanes of US Rt 40 is completely different. So in order to put up a light at this crossing they first have to fix this problem. 1:10 in length

NBC 4 at 11, July 19, 2006.      Black Box Risks. Michelle Zimmerman was involved in a terrible crash on an icy road. She survived, her passenger died. Michelle was convicted of vehicular homicide. Her attorney says because of this device, an event data recorder. Without the EDR there would've been no criminal prosecution in the case. The EDR works like a black box on airplanes. It records everything in the seconds before and after a crash. In Zimmerman's case, the EDR showed that not only was she speeding, but she never hit the brakes. EDR's were intended to record the cause of an airbag deployment. But critics say the information being used for unintended purposes and without drivers consent. The Electronic Privacy Information Center has even called on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to mandate consent of the vehicle owner before disclosure of the EDR driving data. 1:37 in length

NBC 4 at 6, July 21, 2006.      Polaris Trucks. At the right time and in the front of this house, you can hear birds chirping But head to the back yard, that leads up to Worthington Woods Blvd. and it's a different symphony all together. James Bonnel owns the house, and he says recent construction work on the Polaris Parkway Interchange is to blame for an increase in truck traffic. ODOT says whenever they have a major project like the Polaris Parkway project they never reroute traffic onto residential streets, but they also add they are only responsible for state highways. ODOT points out for every ramp they close they open another. But Bonnel is not convinced. He has had it and he's put his home up for sale. 1:07 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, July 25, 2006.      Light Rail. Streetcars are a success in some US cities. Taxpayers and business leaders are spending more than \$270,000 to study if they might help people move around downtown Columbus like they once did. Mayor Mike Coleman says streetcars could boost tourism and beat the parking dilemma downtown. Bill Lhota, President Central Ohio Transit Authority, stated: "As gas prices goes up and congestion gets worse, there needs to be alternative." However this latest effort has a familiar ring to some critics. According to COTA over the past 5 years 13 million dollars has been spent studying the feasibility of light rail, bus rapid transit and streetcars in Central Ohio. So far there are only studies to show for it. This



summer the COTA Board voted to put the brakes on their North Corridor Transit Plan, a 4 year study that cost COTA \$370,000. 1:30 in length

NBC 4 at 11, July 25, 2006. Hidden Cost of Gas. Gas prices, it seems there's no end in sight. And we aren't the only ones feeling the pinch at the pump. Chris Stiffler says high gas prices are affecting his flower shop big time. Gas used to cost him about \$100 a week, now it's almost doubled. Stiffler says as of now he hasn't charge his customers extra. Creno's Pizza says they're feeling squeezed on both ends, from drivers and suppliers. They haven't raised delivery rates, but just like gas prices that could soon change. 1:07 in length

NBC 4 at 11, August 5, 2006. Drunk Boaters. Alum Creek, sprinkled with boats and hundreds of people enjoying the water. The Division of Watercraft Officers say sometimes people think too much about having fun, and not enough about staying safe. That's why they're out looking for violators, asking one question in particular. "Do you have any alcohol on board?" In Ohio State Parks it's illegal to drink alcohol on land or in the water. But that does not stop people from doing it. A lot of people associate boating with alcohol and even drink while driving a boat. Out here danger can come from any direction, like swimmers who may also have been drinking. The Division of Parks arrested 3 people from swimming in a no swimming area and nearby found open containers of alcohol and what looked like marijuana and prescription pills. 1:10 in length

NBC 4 at 11, August 9, 2006. Elderly Driving. Police believe an 80 year-old woman pulling her car out in front of a semi-truck caused a weekend crash killing a family of 4 in Chardon. In Ohio, there is no age limit for driving and unlike some states, there is no age where mandatory re-testing is required, leaving much of the responsibility to the family. Loved ones should look for un-explained dents and scrapes on the car of the elderly. Watch for changes in driving habits, such as reduced highway driving, night driving or a reduction of left turns taken. You can rely on you doctor to help make the decision that way you're not the one saying, "I'm taking away your keys and you have to stop driving." :47 in length

NBC 4 at 6, August 12, 2006. Weekend Travel. Beverages consumed in the sterile areas must be consumed before boarding the aircraft. Just one of the new rules explained over a loud speaker here at Port Columbus. This comes after the foiled terror plot to blow up airliners on their way to the US from Britain on Thursday. There weren't any big delays at Port Columbus this morning but one central Ohio couple had their overseas travel plans completely re-arranged because of Thursday's events. When they checked yesterday, their flight had been cancelled within the hour due to flight crew, rerouting didn't come back. But Mary and Nunzio feel confident flying out today instead won't hurt a thing. Travelers already seem used to the new rules here. Passengers aren't allowed to carry on liquids or gels of any kind. 1:15 in length

NBC 4 Today at 6, August 14, 2006. Air Travel. Long lines at security go hand in hand with the long list of restrictions as travelers are still getting used to what they can and cannot carry onto an airplane. No more bottles of wine, no soda or water past security checkpoints, and liquid or gel carry-ons like toothpaste will have to be checked, thrown away or left at home. But Sunday the TSA relaxed it's carry on rules, it will now allow up to 4 ounces of non-prescription or 8 ounces of prescription medication on board, as well as solid lipstick, baby food and low blood sugar treatments. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff says the rules are aimed at eliminating the ability of terrorists to make deadly explosives out of usually harmless ingredients. Other changes, shoe removal is now a required part of the security screening process. Along with random gate inspections and bag searches. New rules to stay one step ahead of terrorists. 1:07 in length

NBC 4 at 5, August 16, 2006. Drunk Driving Ads. Federal State and local authorities say they're launching the biggest drunken driving crackdown in US history, and their message couldn't be much clearer. Maria Cina, Acting Asst. Transportation Secretary stated: "This campaign speaks directly to would be drunk drivers, if you don't want to be arrested, don't get behind the wheel when you've been drinking." The campaign is highlighted in an 11 million dollar TV ad campaign. Where officials say they'll dramatically increase the number of sobriety checkpoints and other patrols, between now and Labor Day. The Government says nearly 13,000 people were killed in drunken driving crashes last year alone. 1:33 in length

NBC 4 at 11, August 16, 2006. 270 Renamed. The same House Bill that will name a portion of Interstate-270 in Hilliard after Central Ohio Race Car Driver Bobby Rahal, will name I-270 on the South side of Columbus after Highway Patrol Officers from the Circleville Post, both killed in the line of duty. It was an August night in 1988 when State Trooper Wendy Everett was killed in a hit and run accident on I-270. She was taking a report from a trucker who's windshield had been broken by a water balloon. Jamie Schoen of Grove City turned himself in the next day and pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter. He spent 18 months in prison. Trooper Everett's picture hangs in the lobby of the Circleville Highway Patrol Post alongside Trooper Jerry Neff. He was killed on Route 62 in January of 1974 when a reckless driver in a stolen car drove off an overpass and landed on his cruiser. Naming portions of I-270 after Everett and Neff, will be similar to the honor given to Trooper Frank Vazquez who was struck by a car and killed on I-270 in November 2001. State Representative Larry Wolpert, who's sponsoring the Bill, says he hopes to have it in effect by the first of next year. 1:10 in length



NBC 4 at 5:30, August 28, 2006. Madison County Bridge. As the traffic load increases on Taylor-Blair Road into West Jefferson, navigating a sharp curve requires careful attention to oncoming cars. So when a covered bridge is built in 2 years to replace a deteriorating 1955 steel truss bridge, local residents would like to see improved traffic visibility and safe walkways, especially with a new park across the creek. Madison County Engineer David Brand says design plans address safety issues. "We're making sure those driveways have the same visibility if not better after the bridge is completed." We want all those major issues addressed in a public forum so everyone understands what's going to happen, when it's going to happen and how we're going to be safe traveling this highway. Construction of the new covered bridge, the only one in the County, will take 4-6 months to complete. 1:23 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, September 1, 2006. Weekend Driving Crackdown. Most holiday weekends bring an increase in highway accidents. Even with Troopers out in full force they inevitable happen. Now a new tool, the internet, will allow anyone to find out the latest numbers as the weekend marches on. The Patrol's website will feature a running tally of impaired driver arrests and alcohol involved crashes. They're a leading cause of highway deaths. Last Labor Day weekend for instance almost half of the 21 people who died on Ohio's highways were involved in alcohol related crashes. National studies estimate as many as 1 in 4 drivers during certain times of the night have been drinking, and that number can increase on holiday weekends. One reason the Patrol promotes multi-agency enforcement throughout the state. 1:10 in length

NBC 4 at 6, September 7, 2006. 33 Light Change. Some people love the idea of closing the Route 33 crossover at Bowen Road. Others, ..well. Tony Flora, motorist stated: "For someone living north of Lancaster it's a good idea; because really the bypass hasn't helped me out." Tim Steinbrink, motorist stated: "I kind of feel it's going to be a nuisance." But the Ohio Department of Transportation believe removing the traffic light on Bowen Avenue and sealing the crossover will make Route 33 safer. In the last 2 years the intersection has been the scene of 66 accidents. One person died. According to ODOT most of the accidents were rear enders. Motorists say driving 60 miles an hour then suddenly having to make a stop is a hazard and a waste of time. Some residents worry the changes could lengthen emergency response times. Madison Township Fire Department Assistant Chief Robert Bates confirms they will have to choose a different route to get north of 33, but assures us there is nothing to worry about. 1:10 in length

NBC News Special Report: Space Shuttle Launch Delayed aired July 1 from 3:44-3:45 p.m.

NBC News Special Report: Space Shuttle Launch aired July 4 from 2:37-2:41 p.m.

NBC News Special Report: Space Shuttle Landing aired July 17 from 9:08-9:17 a.m.

## VI. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

NBC 4 at 5:30, July 7, 2006. Blood Shortage. The Red Cross needs your help to put more blood in the Bank. They are down to a 1 day supply for half of the different blood types. The Red Cross is in desperate need of OH positive and OH negative, which is used for trauma patients. The flooded East cost regions have sent an urgent appeal for blood, but because of the shortage, the Red Cross is unable to send any blood. :24 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, July 12, 2006. Canadian Drugs. A Canadian loophole is given Americans the chance to buy cheaper prescription drugs. Lawmakers approved the plan, FDA has banned bringing prescription drugs into the US. But a 68 to 72 Senate vote has paved the way for the cheaper Canadian drugs. There were some Senators who voiced concerns that drugs would be unsafe or exploited by terrorists. The house has approved the plan before, but it never survived the conference process with the Senate. :24 in length

NBC 4 Today at 6, July 18, 2006. Youth Obesity. A new study from Harvard says teenagers who gain too much weight may be risking an early death. The study of more than 100,000 women found that those who were overweight at 18, even slightly, had a 66% higher risk of dying early. :14 in length

NBC 4 Today at 6, July 21, 2006. Drug Errors. There is a call this morning for more safety measures in hospitals, doctor's offices and nursing homes. The Institute of Medicine reports medication mix-ups injure more than 2.5 million people every year and may cause as many as 7,000 deaths. Their report indicates on average, a patient in the hospital will have at least 1 medication error per day which could add as much as \$6,000 to their bill. :23 in length

NBC 4 at 11, July 21, 2006. Medical Suit. 5 year-old Lexi Hayes will spend the rest of her life unable to walk or talk, the result of cerebral palsy and brain damage. But she wasn't born that way. A jury believes it was a doctor's negligence that left her with this debilitating condition. But today the parents of 5 year-old Lexi are celebrating what they call a victory. A jury

found Dr. Sharon Benoit, a Children's Hospital Anesthesiologist guilty of malpractice awarding the family nearly 18 million dollars in damages. In 2001, 4 month-old Lexi went to Children's Hospital for a routine cyst removal. But Lexi had a bad reaction to the anesthetic. It blew the left side of her heart, which threw her into cardiac arrest. Lawyers say Dr. Beniot then gave Lexi a different medication causing her to become brain dead. She went without oxygen for 30 minutes. 1:22 in length

NBC 4 at 11, July 27, 2006. Gentry Update. The outpouring has been more than Tyson Gentry and his family could have imagined. The walk-on fro Sandusky polled into the Buckeye Locker-room today, just more than 3 months since the injury during a practice game. The red shirt junior was in a great mood as he met with reporters just a few hours ago at Woody Hayes. Gentry will continue to fight and beat the effects of the injury. The entire family is grateful for the support. :28 in length

NBC 4 at 6, July 28, 2006. Restaurant Finds. It's her favorite dish, Egg Fu Yon. But Matrice Reese says she won't be eating it again anytime soon. She stated: "I was 2 bites from being finished and I tasted something in my mouth. It didn't taste right." She was shocked when she says she found "This" (a band-aid) in her Chinese takeout for Yin Yue. The restaurant denies the allegation and while the manager declined to go on-camera, he says he did refund Reese her money. She says she kept the evidence and called the Columbus Public Health Department immediately, a move officials suggest if you find yourself in a similar situation. "It's a good thing to contact the facility, but also let us know so we can go out and investigate it." Stated Rpm Acquista, Columbus Public Health. Health officials conducted an inspection earlier in the week and continue to look into the matter. They did find a few minor violations, but admit it's difficult to substantiate Reese' claim. The restaurant has 2 other complains on file from recent years. 1:20 in length

NBC 4 at 6, July 31, 2006. West Nile Pool. The City's 2 positive pools are spread out. One at Krumm Park and another in the Clintonville area. But the test results are a little old. That's because earlier this year, the Ohio Department of Health moved its testing labs and is still trying to catch up with the backlog. The positive mosquitoes from Columbus were caught in late June. Fortunately, the city wasn't waiting for the test results and has already fogged those areas. Mosquitoes get the virus from birds, so positive mosquitoes imply infected birds. And that's why the city expects more pools to test positive. Four counties have now reported the virus. Franklin in the only one in Central Ohio. No human cases have been reported so far this year. 1:10 in length

NBC 4 Today at 6, August 7, 2006. Hospital Study. Doctors at Children's Hospital see an array of injuries through their emergency doors. But 3 in particular have become the focus for the studies. Doctor Gary Smith says escalators can cause serious injury to children when they put their hand between the stair and the sidewall. "Degloving injuries where the skin is actually taken right off of the hand." Smith says to prevent these injuries keep children towards the center of the stairs. Another study focuses on the dangers of shopping carts. Restraints and tip-overs are the main cause of shopping cart related injuries. But Dr. Smith says those injuries are minor compared to accidents involving lawnmowers. "These injuries are horrific, they in a moment the blades will crush bone or rip flesh, the children will loose limbs and these injuries are very often life threatening." 1:15 in length

NBC 4 Today at 6, August 15, 2006. Ohio Bird Flu. Scientists have found the presence of Bird Flu along the shores of Lake Erie. The White House announced yesterday that a strain of the Avian Flu has been found in Wild Mute Swans in Michigan. Officials say the strain shouldn't be a cause for concern. A similar strain of the Avian Flu has turned up before in North America. Testing of the birds will continue. :21 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, August 17, 2006. Asthma Treatment. Researchers are finding that when asthmatic sufferers catch a cold, a normal inhaler will basically stop working. But a new treatment may be on the horizon. Researchers have found that asthmatics, including a million children, produce only half the normal level of proteins that fight viruses when a cold sets in. This helps explain why asthma sufferers are so vulnerable to severe symptoms when they have colds. :20 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, September 1, 2006. Delaware County West Nile Virus. A warning if you live in Delaware County, the West Nile Virus has been detected in 2 communities. Mosquitoes collected earlier this month tested positive for the virus. The Delaware General Health District will fog as soon as the weather permits. Health Officials want to remind people to get rid of standing water. Avoid going outdoors in the early evening or morning. And make sure to wear repellent with Deet. There have been no human cases reported in Central Ohio yet this season. :27 in length

NBC 4 at 6, September 3, 2006. Nicotine Increase. Easier hooked and harder to quit, that's what Dr. David Burns say, more nicotine in cigarettes will do a person. Regardless of the brand, cigarettes now have 16 ½% more nicotine than 6 years ago, according to a new Massachusetts's Department of Health report. They're one of 3 states to require tobacco companies to provide information about nicotine. The study also found the 3 most popular brands with young smokers, Marlboro, Newport, and Camel, contain higher amounts of nicotine than ever before. The nicotine in Kool and other menthol brands used by 2/3rds of black smokers rose 20%. Tobacco companies Philip Morris USA and R.J Reynolds didn't return call today. Not a surprise says Dr. Burns, who calls increase in nicotine a simple way to satisfy customers and keep them hooked. 1:30 in length

NBC 4 at 11, September 4, 2006. Kent State Hepatitis. Classes at Kent have been in session only a few days, but news of the infected student is spreading quickly. Administrators say a student returning to the University was diagnosed with Hepatitis A, a highly contagious virus that attacks the liver. It's spread when fecal matter from an infected person is ingested by another. And that's a concern for the University, since the student worked in University Food Service. They say he didn't work for the University's Student Cafeteria, instead he worked for its catering unit. But still, some students may have been exposed at a dorm cookout. The University says more than 300 people have now been inoculated against the virus. Administrators say they've notified everyone who may have come in contact with the infected student. 1:03 in length

NBC 4 at 11, September 7, 2006. Worthington Survivor. Tom Tower's and his wife, Lani, have been married 40 years. A year ago, the family got some really tough news. "It obviously scared us to death." Tom was diagnosed with follicular Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma. "I just remember the doctor walked in and said you have 4 tumors and one is cancerous and you need to go into the hospital like right now." There is no cure but Doctor's say for those diagnosed it is treatable. Tom leans on his family and his faith to pull him through. :50 in length

St. Jude's Children's Hospital: Fighting For Life aired August 7 from 10:00-11:00 p.m.

Your Total Health airs Sundays from 5:00-5:30 a.m.

#### **Public Service Announcements**

Colorectal Cancer

:30 in length

Aired July 1-July 9

Colorectal Cancer

:15 in length

Aired July 2-July 30

Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities

:30 in length

Aired July 6-July 29

Easter Seals

:30 in length

Aired July 6-July 25

United Cerebral Palsy

:30 in length

Aired July 1-July 21

Saks For Life (Columbus AIDS Task Force)

:10 in length

Aired August 13-August 28

AIDS Walk Columbus

:04 in length

Aired August 28-September 15

AIDS Walk Columbus

:10 in length

Aired August 24-September 15

AIDS Walk Columbus

:15 in length

Aired August 24-September 15

United Way '06

:10 in length

Aired September 29

United Way '06  
:15 in length  
Aired September 26-September 30

United Way '06  
:30 in length  
Aired September 23-September 30

Online Sexual Exploitation Prevention  
:15 in length  
Aired September 29

Online Sexual Exploitation Prevention  
:30 in length  
Aired September 24-September 30

## VII. CRIME & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

NBC 4 Weekend Today at 6, July 1, 2006. Videotaped Crimes. Easy access to technology, bragging rights, or just immature decisions, who knows why teens tape themselves committing crimes. These 2 teens videotaped themselves traveling at speeds of 100 miles per hour 2 weeks ago in Licking County, before troopers say they crashed into a home, hospitalizing the woman who lived there and killing the dog. In Bexley, earlier this month teenagers used a cell phone to videotape themselves setting part of the high school football field on fire. Whatever the reason, the results make their arrest, and possibly their conviction easier. Getting caught may not be on their minds when they commit crimes, but if they are, their adventure can be used against them. Rice Zwyer, State Highway Patrol, stated: "We hope to get the message out not only to teen drivers, but to the parents of teen drivers that this type of activity will not be tolerated." 1:16 in length

NBC 4 at 6, July 3, 2006. Illegal Fireworks. People crammed into Phantom Fireworks today, on average spending a few hundred dollars a piece. The store's manager says many spent much more. But lighting mortars are not legal in Ohio. In our state you can only light snakes, snaps, sprinklers and some bombs. At check-out, you have to turn in a contract promising not to light any other kind of fire works and agreeing to take them across Ohio's borders within 48 hours. If you're caught with fire works you could be fined \$1,000 and get 6 months in jail. You could also get another 6 month jail term for not following the terms of the agreement you signed. The Columbus Division of Fire points out even legal fire works can be dangerous. 1:05 in length

NBC 4 at 11, July 3, 2006. Acid Attack Victim. Less than a week ago, Andrea Seymour had a lot to smile about, but she says now that's all changed. Seymour says she was trying to break up a fight between her boyfriend, Marcus Horsley and a friend, David Howard, who were arguing over a mobile meth lab. Suddenly, Howard allegedly threw a mixture of chemicals on both of them hitting Seymour in her face and arms. Now she has 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns and has temporarily lost custody of her son. She says what makes it harder is that her alleged attacker was once her friend. She says her scar will heal, but hopes Howard serves time for what he's allegedly done. She also wants others to know about the dangers of meth. 1:09 in length

NBC 4 at 11, July 6, 2006. Whitehall Gangs. Earlier this week, crowds jammed into this part for the Annual Whitehall 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival. Some visitors were gang members and police say close surveillance allowed them to make several arrests nearby. That's encouraging for residents, who don't want to be identified. There were roughly 40 teenagers walking in a group here on the fair midway, some were known gang members. Police escorted them out of the park. But they ended up here a few minutes later where more police were awaiting. As they arrived, one pulled out a gun. With so many people, police couldn't draw weapons and fire. In all, 4 arrests of suspected gang members. Officer Spencer Salyers is the Department's gang expert. He points to graffiti like this as evidence there's active gangs in the area. Fighting gang violence, a growing problem for the surrounding cities. 1:18 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, July 11, 2006. Kids Raping Kids. Licking County Prosecutors say sex offenses against children are on the rise. But the offenders aren't all aggressive older adults, more and more are children themselves. So far this year, Licking County prosecutors have charged 24 juvenile sex offenders, the most in Central Ohio. Most of these kids are between 11 and 15 years old, and their victim are as young as 4. While some young offenders are incarcerated, most are dealt with in the

community through outpatient therapy. Juvenile sex offenders tend to use bribery or underlying power instead of threats or weapons. It doesn't have to be a direct threat, but just the fact that they're older and stronger, a lot of little kids give in. Meaning it can happen anywhere and the perpetrator can be anyone. They're brother, sisters, cousins .. who you might trust the most. 1:15 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, July 14, 2006. Dublin Lacrosse. Allegations surfaced right after the Dublin-Coffman Lacrosse team returned from a Spring Break trip to Tennessee in April. Now the first charges have been filed. A player told police he'd been forcibly raped on a team charter bus by Assistant Coach Dustin Pentz, wearing a black glove. Pentz and Head Coach Brian Simpson were fired from Dublin-Coffman. Pentz for committing the alleged crime, Brian Simpson for failing to report it. His Father Frank Simpson worked as a volunteer coach on the trip. We're told he no longer volunteers at Dublin-Coffman. In a criminal complaint filed today at the Franklin County Courthouse, Dublin Police say that Frank and Brian Simpson knowingly tried to intimidate the victim of a crime, saying they "did conduct a public team meeting where the victim was challenged as to the truthfulness of his allegation of rape." We've shown you internal e-mails from Head Coach Simpson, one written to Pentz stated: "Dusty, I just want you and the rest of the Administration to please keep a tight lid on this. There are perpetuations on the line here. I am concerned at the way this is being handled and this almost looks like guilty until proven innocent." So far Pentz has not been charged. 1:13 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, July 24, 2006. MS-13 Raid. US Immigration and Customs Enforcement or "ICE" turns up the heat on people who are in Central Ohio illegally. A bulk of the individuals already had their day in court. In other words, they were given the chance to leave on their own previously, but choose not to and when authorities arrived at some locations, they found additional offenders. These were not sweeps or raids, we had specific target locations and when we encounter people that were there and they're here in violation of our laws, we're not going to look the other way. Most were from the country of Mexico. 82 from Mexico alone, but illegal aliens from 29 other countries were also taken into custody. With a growing metropolitan area like Columbus, you can expect additional efforts like this in the near future. :53 in length

NBC 4 Today at 6, July 18, 2006. 2 Year Old Trash. 26 year-old Tonja Janelle Morin made the call for help, after she says her son Tyler vanished from their backyard. Police went to her home on East Welling Street to look for the 2 year-old. Her husband rushed home from work to search for his son. The mystery took a turn after Tyler's father found him half a block away trapped inside a dumpster. At a glance, there was no clear way for a 2 year-old to climb in, leaving police to wonder how Tyler got inside. Investigators took fingerprints and say they discovered evidence that his own mother put little Tyler in the dumpster and left. 1:00 in length

NBC 4 at 11, July 18, 2006. Gangs and Church. Pastor Eric Brown has been at the Woodland Christian Church for 4 years and couldn't believe what he saw. Words like "crips" and "bloods" and some profanity. "We have a lot of youth see videos and ant to be a part of it." This type of vandalism happened weeks ago at the Thirdstone Baptist Church, not far from Pastor Brown's church. "It's been about 6 churches, all of these were on Woodland Avenue. First at this church then the YMCA, then this church right next door, graffiti was all over this wall." Stated Thad Alexander of the Columbus Police Department. But this area has now been hit twice. Community members are fed up and are offering reward money that leads to an arrest. If you know anything, call the Columbus Police Department. 1:12 in length

NBC 4 at 6, July 19, 2006. Toddler Killed. Family members of Jaydon Hillcary are filled with rage today, after learning the 17 month-old boy was raped before he died suspiciously in this north Columbus apartment. The boyfriend of Jaydon's mother, 35 year-old John White, has been charged with the rape. Even though medics performed CPR all the way to the hospital, little Jaydon did not survive. Franklin County Children Services, however, had investigated the home in May, after Jaydon had his leg broken in 2 places and needed medical attention for it 4 times in 2 weeks. Jaydon's grandfather says he was always suspicious. "The way he act... I mean there was something that didn't seem right." The mother, who lost her only child, and photographed nearly every step of his life, is left only with memories. 2:30 in length

NBC 4 at 11, July 25, 2006. Brice Mayor's Court. The latest census for the Village of Brice shows just 77 people living in the small town. Not enough residents in the village to hold a Mayor's Court. But recently, the Franklin County Clerk of Courts received some alarming information. The Village was issuing tickets to speeders, telling them to show up in Mayor's Court. Lori Tyack, Clerk of Courts stated: "We are concerned about this. It has to do with the needs of the citizens being met." Earlier this year, the Mayor of Brice cancelled all Mayor's Court Hearings, after lawmakers insisted the Village was in violation of Ohio Law. But this ticket, issued to a speeder less than 3 weeks ago, clearly indicates Mayor's Court was still in operation and the violator was scheduled to appear there tonight. NBC 4 spoke with the Chief of Police of Brice, who blatantly told us, there was no mayor's court scheduled. But after a few minutes, this man and his lawyer came through the doors and for what? A few hours later NBC 4 spoke to the Mayor of Brice, who confirmed Mayor's Court is still in session. He says more than 100 people now live in the Village which he says makes it okay for them to have Mayor's court, and until state legislators can prove otherwise Mayor's Court will stand. 1:12 in length



NBC 4 at 5:30, July 28, 2006. John White Indicted. The alleged rape and murder of a baby boy so disturbing even a veteran prosecutor is shaken. Police say 17 month old Jaydon Hilleary was raped and smothered at the Columbus home he shared with his mom and her boyfriend John White. Today a Franklin county Grand Jury indicted White on aggravated murder, a lesser charge of murder and rape. If convicted, John White could be sent to Ohio's Death Row. Members of Jaydon's family are fine with that. While Ron O'Brien, County Prosecutor, can't discuss details of the case including the evidence, he admits there is a hurdle in this case. The family, including Jaydon's Mom, just want justice to help them deal with the incredible loss. 1:16 in length

NBC 4 at 11, July 29, 2006. Cox Family. Chillicothe Police Officer Larry Cox was on his way home from this house, his parents home, on April 21, 2005, the night he was killed. It was at this house his parents learned the man suspected of shooting their son in the neck escaped from jail. Investigators say Cox was off duty when he learned Police were looking for a man who'd stolen a car and robbed a gas station. Cox reportedly ran into John Parsons in an alley, where the 19 year veteran Officer's body was later found. In the days following Officer Cox's death there was an intense search for a suspect. Now more than a year later it seem like de-ja-vu. Officer Cox's father stated: "I just hope he doesn't take any other law officer down or anybody else down with him." Though they are filled with mixed emotions, the Cox's believe only time stands between Parsons and justice. 1:22 in length

NBC 4 at 6, July 31, 2006. Cabbie Death. Jack Justis' fellow cabbies found his dead inside his Cimmaron Station apartment around 10 this morning. Dan Ramey is the one who found Justis or "J" as he was known to friends. Homicide detectives says there were no visible signs of foul play, yet there is concern. Mike McCann, Homicide Detective stated: "We're treating it as a suspicious death, circumstances are a little bizarre. Police say Justis' cab was stolen and involved in several hit skips and Justis wasn't the one behind the wheel. Police have talked to the man they believe took the cab, so far no charges have been filed. Police are hoping tomorrow after an autopsy they will know just how Jack Justin died. 1:10 in length

NBC 4 at 6, July 31, 2006. Counterfeit Bust. Clinton Township Police had extra officers working over the weekend, trying to clean up the previous types of crime in the Cleveland Avenue corridor, weapons, drugs and the like. That's when they found a guy selling DVD's out of his car in the Northern Lights Shopping Center parking lot. The officer approached him, asked him some questions, recognized some of the videos "Miami Vice" being one of those, that's currently on the screen now. Police confiscated the DVD's that the suspect was selling, but that wasn't all. He informed them that he had more where that came from that it was no big deal. So they questioned him a little further. When they did, they found out he had a storage unit on Westerville Road. Inside the storage unit, police say they found all this: clothing, jewelry, DVD's, CD's, and more. All of which police say are counterfeit knock-offs of brand-name merchandise. Police arrested the suspect, 40 year-old Souleyman Diop of Columbus and charged him with trademark counterfeiting. 1:20 in length

NBC 4 at 6, August 4, 2006. 12 Year-Old Raped. 36 year-old Gustave Kamba was arraigned in Delaware Municipal Court Friday morning, facing a first-degree felony charge of rape, against that female relative who is now 12 years-old. It's a forcible rape, and she's currently 17 weeks pregnant, she says by him because of this act. It appears that authorities were made aware of the alleged rape after the young girl's pregnancy became apparent. Dave Yost, Delaware County Prosecutor, stated: "anytime you've got a sexual act occurring with a child under 13, it's egregious. When it's accompanied by force, accomplished by force, and results in a pregnancy, our hearts just gout to this little girl." Kamba told the court that he's married with 4 children. Those children have all been taken into the custody of Delaware County Children Services. The rape charge against Kamba carries the possibility of life in prison. Having been in this country from the Democratic Republic of Congo for more than a year, Kamba had no criminal record in the US at all. He is a foreign national apparently in the country legally.. seeking political asylum. 1:11 in length

NBC 4 at 6 Weekend Edition, August 6, 2006. Vet Theft Arrest. 19 year-old Jesus Alex Pinda and Christian Brian Montano, also 19, are now behind bars in Montgomery County, Maryland. The pair arrested Friday night for a burglary of a laptop in this ASPEN Hill neighborhood back in May that rocked the department of Veteran Affairs. The computer and hard drive contained sensitive personal data on millions of the nation's veterans. Police Chief Tom Manger says the pair, along with a juvenile, had no idea what they were stealing. This was a random burglary, they weren't targeting this house. There were other burglaries they were involved in. It was just whatever was there for them and it just so happened by coincidence this laptop was at this particular house. In late June officials announced the recovery of the stolen laptop, but still kept pursuing the suspects. Jim O'Neill, VA Inspector General's Office stated: "In order to follow this case back to the burglars themselves, it was really essential to erase any doubt that this data was compromised and that the recovery was just a fluke and a ploy in order to throw you off, so it was really important to solve this." A team of Montgomery County Detectives are being credited with the arrests. 1:25 in length

NBC 4 at 6, August 11, 2006. Hummer Hearing. Gravely was forced to give the State a DNA sample in June of last year, because he had been convicted of failing to pay child support, a felony. In January, a State Databasc made the connection to the 1994 Hummer murder. That's when Gravely was taken to Police Headquarters and interviewed. Several detectives were

questioned Friday, about how that interview evolved. The alleged confession came while Gravely spoke to Detective Vince Houpe. "I did mention to him that him being honest of what happened there would be his best shot." As Gravely's mother and girlfriend sat in court, Gravely's attorneys questioned detectives' tactics. Detectives admitted, they told Gravely they wanted to talk to him, to eliminate him as a suspect so he could go home. Gravely's attorneys asked one detective if there was really any chance of that with a DNA match. The detective said, yes. "If his statement was, I had consensual sex with her, I don't know that we could have dispute that at that point without further investigation. So if that would have been his statement, he'd have walked. We had no way of disputing that at that point." But that's not what Gravely said to police. 1:24 in length

NBC 4 at 11, August 14, 2006. Repo Theft. 52 year-old James Doss of Carroll, Ohio, is in the Fairfield County Jail charged with 10 counts related to allegations that's he a modular home thief. The Fairfield County Sheriff says he would repossess modular homes for finance companies from people who didn't pay their mortgage. He was a Repo man. But the Sheriff says he would tell the finance company the modular home couldn't be found, even though he had possession of it. He would take them hide them in different areas of the County at some point resell them. It could be said the fruits of his labor spoiled when some of the people who purchased modular homes from him couldn't get their title. They realized they had a rotten deal and called the Sheriff. If he's convicted, James Doss could spend 11 years in prison. 1:05 in length

NBC 4 at 5, August 17, 2006. Sex Offenders. These letters are going out today after the Sheriff co-signs them. Letters to 45 sex offenders who are living too close to a school, within a thousand feet to be exact. Mom Laura Griffith couldn't be happier. "People like that just too close, that's when this kids are going to get hurt again." Griffith lives at the Canopy Place Apartment complex, where not one but two sex offenders live, right across the street from each other, and too close to a school. Griffith is talking about James Scott, both Scott and his neighbor Douglas Caldwell – a convicted rapist, should be getting one of these letters soon telling them to move. O'Brien says if Scott, Caldwell and the 43 other sex offenders don't move he'll file charges. 1:20 in length

NBC 4 at 11, August 20, 2006. Newark Park. Used condoms, dozens upon dozens all over the place and shelter house. That's one of the reasons Newark Mayor Bruce Bain decided to close Horn's Hill Park until further notice. In addition to needed maintenance and landscaping on the park, Bain says evidence of inappropriate sexual activities had plagued the park and pushed families away. The park now has a negative reputation and residents say only certain people go there. Bain says the park is old and the city didn't want to close it, but beefed up patrols and police sweeps didn't solve the problem. The city is looking into alternative solutions to the problem, like hiring a Park Ranger and cutting back overgrown trees, but Bain says the park probably won't reopen until next year. 1:16 in length

NBC 4 at 5, August 23, 2006. Cheerleader shot. 40 year-old Allen Davis not only admitted to firing his rifle at a group of teenagers outside his Worthington home, but says he has no regrets. Worthington Police say the girls were just trying to get a thrill from the secluded house shrouded in trees by the old cemetery. What happened to 17 year-old Thomas Worthington Senior Rachel Barezinsky, the front seat passenger is much worse. One of the bullets hit her. Police say the care Rachel was riding in with 4 of her friends did leave, but then drove back by Allen Davis' home. There several shots fired as they were in the car. The teenager behind the wheel flagged down a Worthington Police Officer when they realized their friend Rachel had been shot in the head. 1:28 in length

NBC 4 Today at 5, September 2, 2006. Sullivant Body. Police got 2 independent phone calls early this morning. The callers reportedly told police they'd seen a body lying in a parking lot in between cars in a parking lot behind Sullivant Avenue near South Oakley Avenue. When they arrived they found a male white, probably in his 40's, dead behind the apartment building there. Police say there was no obvious sign of a struggle and they don't know where the man died or whether his body was dumped in the lot. Investigators tell us the man had head injuries, so they are not sure if was attacked or simply fell. The exact cause of death is unknown at this time. Further complication the investigation, the man was not carrying any form of identification. Police are waiting for the results of an autopsy and hoping an analysis of the man's fingerprints will help them figure out who he is and how he died. 1:00 in length

NBC 4 at 5, September 2, 2006. Fake Merchandise. To keep these fans safe, it takes a coordinated effort of law enforcement from rooftop SWAT officers to bomb-sniffing canines. Sgt. Steve Livingston, Columbus Division of Police stated: "We brought a lot of officers down, especially for the first game to set the tone for the year and we kept it in line." Columbus Police cited dozens of people today for carrying open containers of alcohol and arrested plenty of others of underage consumption. The businesses along Lane Avenue were warned in advance, but several employees were still arrested for selling liquor to minors. At Wendell's, game day security has been kicked up a notch this year. Everyone is carded and gets a wristband at the door. Licensing is also a big issue for OSU's Trademark Division. Rob Cleveland, Assistant Director of OSU Trademark and Licensing) stated: "From time to tome, we have a problem with vendors coming in with illegal or unlicensed merchandise." Some goods get confiscated and some vendors are even evicted from the campus. 1:18 in length

- NBC 4 at 5, September 2, 2006.      **Granddaughter Raped.** The questions for one local mother started when her 5 year-old daughter called her from a relative's house, where she was spending the night, wanting to come home. But she says it wasn't until 3 years later that he daughter told her what that relative, 53 year-old Kevin Clark, had done. She immediately called police and they questioned the man about the accusation. According to the complaint, Clark denied the allegations. But shortly after that interview he went on the run. The woman says she thinks other relatives are helping him stay on the run, but she wants justice for her daughter. If you have any information on his whereabouts, you're asked to call the Columbus Police Department. 1:00 in length
- NBC 4 at 11, September 4, 2006.      **Cars/Bricks.** The Johnson's SUV is a leased vehicle that was going back to the dealership tomorrow, obviously it needs to be repaired first. Erin Johnson stated: "My son and I were coming back from shopping and he said Mama look at the car and sure enough there was a 2 x 4 ..." Police say that 2 x 4 was sued to smash the back window. Police also told Erin Johnson she wasn't alone. Three other far east side neighborhoods had been targeted by vandals overnight. In Louisa Hooper's neighborhood just south of here, it wasn't car windshields, it was mail boxes - 17 of them that were vandalized. Kevin Hopper says vandals used this pipe to damage his work truck. Police say all these acts of vandalism are connected, and that is what scares Erin Johnson the most. 1:20 in length
- NBC 4 at 5, September 5, 2006.      **Pedophile.** Joseph Morgan apologized for having sexual contact with an 11 year-old relative 5 years ago. Another relative learned about the crime earlier this year and reported it. He's concealing his identity to protect the victim. Morgan accepted a plea bargain for 1 count of gross sexual imposition. Judge Richard Parrott sentenced him to 4 years in prison. Prosecutors fear that he has made the mistake more than once. Terry Hord, Assistant Chief Prosecutor, says the statute of limitations had run out on the 2 alleged victims. But there is help for potential victims. Morgan will be classified as a sexual oriented offender for 10 years after he is released from prison. 1:00 in length
- NBC 4 at 6, September 5, 2006.      **Duct Tape Victim.** The robbery happened at J&E Electronics in Whitehall. "Two dudes walked in and said this is a robbery and they point a gun at us, well we thought they was joking at first." Nakia Cherry, who goes by Nick, and Tony Deleon were duct taped. Spencer Rice was working on a car when the two came in. They made him lay on the bathroom floor. They cleared the register, loaded stereo equipment and took everyone's wallets. The police arrived and the chase began and ended nearly 8 miles away. The 2 robbers were arrested and could each get 20 years in prison. All that was in the register the night of their planned out robber - \$8. 1:10 in length
- NBC 4 at Midday, September 6, 2006.      **Hill Jump Plea.** You and hear 16 year-old David Mitchell and Andrew Glecker cheer in this video taken inside a car going more than 100 miles per hour up and down Licking County hills. It's a dangerous pass time call "Hill Jumping." In the video you can not see Glecker, he is holding the camera. When it was over, the teens crashed into Lynn Ashcraft's home, killing her dog and severely injuring her. Today in Licking County Juvenile Court Andrew Gleckler admitted to complicity to vehicular assault and falsification for telling a State Trooper the teens were not speeding and had not captured the crime on tape. 1:18 in length
- NBC 4 at 11, September 6, 2006.      **Westerville Predator.** Westerville Police arrest more than 1 suspected internet predator each week. Officer Steve Grubbs didn't believe it until he became part of it. For 2 weeks, he's taken on a new identity in chat rooms, a teenage girl, and watched men flock. Grubbs says predators are brazen, giving out personal information. Like this man who called himself Otis McAfee and said outright he wanted to more than just talk. Within minutes 35 year-old McAfee, of Lewis Center, wanted to know if the teen would have sex with him. They talked just 2 times online, but already McAfee seemed eager to meet. Writing can you meet now? Can we meet today? At one point he eve asks "R U really 14?" and "U R not a cop R U?" He knows he's dealing with underage at this point. Now McAfee is in jail. Arrested outside a home where police say he'd set up a meeting with the teen but found police instead. 1:18 in length
- NBC 4 at 6, September 7, 2006.      **Baby Scalded.** Shawn Tucker describes the torture and pain her son Dominick Todd suffered when he was beaten and forced to sit in a bathtub filled with scorching water. 24 year-old Janelle Alexander accepted a felonious assault plea bargain in connection with the abuse. She and her boyfriend, Charlie Todd, Dominick's father, were both charged after Dominick was scalded and left in agony for 2 weeks before he received treatment. Alexander says her illegal drug use prevented her from thinking clearly. She asked Judge Richard Frye to show mercy. Judge Frye imposed the maximum sentence of 8 years in prison. He equated Alexander's actions to Nazi's who conducted illegal medical experiments during WWII. Shawn Tucker says Alexander deserved more time if legally possible because Dominick will suffer every time he sees his scars. 1:10 in length
- NBC 4 at 5, September 10, 2006.      **Mom Shot.** Columbus Police believe murder suspects Antwonn Smith and Anthony Brown are still in the area, and still armed and dangerous. The pair are accused of shooting Smith's former girlfriend in the face 2 weeks ago. Elishia Braxton was the mother of Smith's child and had 6 other children as well. Police say she was killed during an armed robbery at her sister's home while the women were visiting with friends. Detectives now have a 3<sup>rd</sup> suspect in custody, Curtis Cunningham. Police say Smith and Brown busted through the doorway and mugged the 2 men inside. Smith at

1 point allegedly left to use a stolen ATM card. That's when police say Brown struggled with the victims and fired his gun. Police say while Cunningham didn't pull the trigger, he's an important part of solving this crime. 1:18 in length

NBC News Special Report: North Korean Missile Launch Reported aired July 4 from 4:30-4:32 p.m.

NBC News Special Report: Terrorist Plot Discovered in London aired August 9 from 4:16-4:25 a.m. and August 10 from 8:00 – 8:34 a.m.

Dateline NBC: 9/11: Five Years Later aired September 9 from 8:00-10:00 p.m.

Dateline NBC: Flight 93 aired September 11 from 8:00-9:00 p.m.

NBC News Special Report: Presidential Address aired September 11 from 9:00-9:20 p.m.

Dateline NBC: Follow-Up aired September 11 from 9:20-10:00 p.m.

## VIII. FAMILY-YOUTH-ELDERLY

NBC 4 at 6, July 1, 2006.      Everyday Heroes. When she lost her 17 year-old son to brain tumor cancer, this grief stricken Mom began her fight for a cure and has raised over one hundred thousand dollars. You'll find this man on the streets, in the woods, under bridges or in abandoned buildings, working to provide the homeless of Columbus with food, clothing, shelter and a helping hand. She is a single professions woman who unselfishly opened her home and heart to 4 children. As a foster parent she has redirected her life to the needs of these children. She is 80 years-old and has worked tirelessly to provide food to the hungry for 26 years. These are our everyday heroes. 1:00 in length

NBC 4 at 11, July 2, 2006.      Firework Preparations. Red White and Boom in Columbus, Ohio a tradition that requires a lot of preparation. Though these streets are pretty bare now, it's a spectacle attended by about 400,000 people and watched by almost a million. There are more than 400 volunteers, 80 vendors, 69 suppliers and an economic impact of about 3 million dollars. The star of the show will continue to be the fireworks display. Earl Burke has been planning this year's show since last year and gave me an exclusive look at a new firework shell making its debut. He says while you can see the show from miles around, the closer, the better. Some people have been staking out their spot since this morning. Mitch Walker says he's saving space for 150 of his closest friends, something he's been doing for 16 years. 1:14 in length

NBC 4 at 6, July 3, 2006.      Do Not Call Cell. For several years, consumers who didn't want unsolicited phone calls at home, received some relief from the Do Not Call registry. Non-profit organizations, survey groups and politicians are exempt from the rules. A popular e-mail circulating the web lists a July deadline for you to register your cell phone, after that according to the e-mail your cell phone number will be available for telemarketers to call at anytime. Don't panic, it's not true. You don't need to because wireless numbers are private they should not be published and they will not be published, especially for Verizon wireless. A registry for the cell phones does not exist. 1:00 in length

NBC 4 at 6, July 6, 2006.      Insurance Rating. Most consumers believe safe driving is the key to keeping insurance premiums in check. But even a motorist with a spotless driving record can be faced with higher premiums, if they have a below average insurance score. Didn't know there was one? Your credit score, combined with your bill paying history, number of credit applications and bankruptcy can determine your score. An insurance rating of 750 or higher is considered good. 625 or lower is below average. You can pay \$12.95 to a service called Choice Trust.com to obtain your insurance score or contact your agent. 1:05 in length

NBC 4 at 6, July 12, 2006.      Boomer Discounts. There's value in old age is you know where to look. Car rental companies routinely offer discounts of at least 10% to customers 50 and over. The same thing when it comes to hotel rates, again most offer at least 10%. Once you turn 55 more discounts are available. Wendy's, Arby's TCBY and Chilli's all offer 10% discounts once you turn 55. The discounts increase at 60 as AMC Theaters knocks off at least a third. Hilton Hotels offer specially priced room rates and dining discounts of 20% at hotel restaurants. Merchants don't always advertise the deals so, always or AARP can provide all the information on how, turning just a little grey you can save a lot of green. 1:00 in length

NBC 4 at 6, July 16, 2006.      Heat & Humidity. Sweltering temperatures couldn't keep Owen Day and his daughter from weeding their yard, but they're the only people on their street to brave the heat. Sweating away at the job, the Day's say



they beat the heat by drinking plenty of water and taking short breaks, which is a good thing according to doctors. According to the National Weather Service heat kills about 175 Americans every year. 1:10 in length

NBC 4 at 6, July 24, 2006. Unclaimed Funds. Coins, cash, forgotten stocks and bonds from safety deposit boxes make up part of the million of dollars on unclaimed funds. James White, Sr., learned of his unexpected windfall when a friend gave him a call. Smith, who now has his own business, forgot about money from a previous job, nearly 25 years ago. He says claiming that extra \$700 was painless. You can search for free on the Commerce Department's web site and this Wednesday, look for you name in a special supplement of the Columbus Dispatch. The Division paid more than 64 million in fiscal year 2006. That's 10 million more than fiscal year 2005, but millions more remain unclaimed. 1:10 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, July 25, 2006. Dog Fire Hero. He's too busy playing fetch to realize he's a hero, but Woody, the dog, saved his family's life as flames shot through the butters of their house on London Groveport Road. "The dog jumped on the bed and I saw all this smoke and yelled for Ben to get up. I just grabbed a pan out of the sink and started throwing water and trying to call 911 at the same time." Stated Janise Beavers, house sitter. But the cell phone call sent fire crews in the wrong direction and they couldn't find the house. "I seen them pass the house and I got in my truck and hurried and got 'em back here. Luckily I got took care of myself." Investigators examined the back porch and say an electrical problem may have started the blaze that damaged the back of the house. But everyone got out safely, 6 week-old baby Kaitlin even slept thru the whole thing. "We had left him outside in the pen and he was banking all night, I let him stay inside one more night and I'm glad I did. He's a good dog." 1:10 in length

NBC 4 Today at 6, July 31, 2006. Heat Advisory. For some central Ohioans yard work is a must even if it means braving sweltering temperatures. Doctors say if you have to be outside, you should drink plenty of water and take short breaks. Dr. Jeffrey Caterino, OSU Medical Center, stated: "The most important things are to stay well hydrated, plenty of fluids. Secondly avoid alcohol which increases chance of dehydration. You also want to wear light fitting clothing and actually stay inside and out of the sun as much as possible." Another good tip - remember to wear your sunscreen. Doctors warn that sunburns make it a lot harder for your body to get rid of all the extra summer heat. Doctor Caterino says there are 100 heat related hospitalizations every summer in Columbus. According to the National Weather Service, heat kills about 175 Americans every year. :53 in length

NBC 4 Today at 6, August 7, 2006. 9/11 Hero. The terrorist attacks of 9/11 will never be forgotten as a tragedy. But one family hopes some of the stories from that day will also be thought of as inspirational. The parents of Todd Beamer were invited to watch "United 93" last night with the congregation of the Fairfield Christian Church. Todd Beamer is credited with leading the passenger uprising onboard Flight 93, over powering the terrorist and forcing the plane down into a Pennsylvania field. Its intended target was the Capitol Building. Beamer's father says a lot can be learned from his son's actions on 9/11. :34 in length

NBC 4 at 6, August 11, 2006. Phone Rates. Verizon operates in 80 of Ohio's 88 counties, but in some rural areas, customers may not have much of a choice as wireless service may not be available in that area. Verizon is proposing increases in various phone services, citing competition as the reason, but the Ohio Consumers' Counsel takes a different approach. Anthony Dill, Ohio Consumers Counsel stated: "Customers don't have a lot of options to other places and that's why we are opposed to this pricing freedom that they are allowed to have." Meaning the increases are permitted without review of the PUCO. Here are just a few examples of the proposed increase: Call waiting would increase a dollar under the proposal. Called ID from \$7.95 to \$9.25, call forwarding from .75 to \$2. and 3 way calling from \$2.75 to \$3.50 The PUCO should decide on the Ohio Consumer's counsels appeal by August 24. 1:09 in length

NBC 4 at 11, August 13, 2006. Units Deployed. Dozens of Ohio National Guard members are being called up for duty. Family and friends of the soldiers wished them well with a service at a church in Springfield. The members of the 237<sup>th</sup> Forward Support Battalion Rear Area Operation Center are departing for Camp Shelby, Mississippi, where they will receive specialized training. The unit will be deployed in Iraq for 1 year. :21 in length

NBC 4 at 5, August 18, 2006. Flag Stolen. What's missing are the 9 American flags that used to be in everyone's front yard on Talford Court before they were stolen. Paul Crosby is a WWII vet, and was the first to put a pole up first and everybody followed. The thieves didn't spare anyone. "It's very disrespectful to the troops and everybody else. What disgusts Paul Crosby is how thieves got his flag. "It's on a nylon rope and I think they burned it." Hours after thieves stole these flags, some wasted no time getting Old Glory back up the pole. Some people had spares and put it back up proudly. 1:08 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, August 23, 2006. Sgt. Thomas Award. The word "hero" makes Jason Thomas very uncomfortable. He says he was just doing what any of us would do. On September 11<sup>th</sup>, he raced back to his hometown to help in the rescue efforts at ground zero. The former marine helped pull two survivors out of the rubble. His heroism is depicted in the new Oliver



Stone movie about the world trade centers. Today, Jason was honored by all 3 branches of Ohio's Government and by the city of Columbus. His humility and his spirit have made him an even bigger hero to his colleagues at the Ohio Supreme Court and to his family. He says he is overwhelmed by the attention and just wants to move on. 1:15 in length

NBC 4 at 11, August 23, 2006. Chillicothe Iraq Death. A Chillicothe mother remembering her son: Air Force Master Sergeant Brad Clemmons. He was killed 2 days ago in Iraq, having been there only 2 weeks. He was an expert at disarming bombs and was killed by a rocket launched grenade. He was an Airman, a son, a husband and a father of 3 children. "We just found out right before he passed away that he has got a new baby on the way, they wanted to have another child, she just found out she was pregnant not 2 days before." If the child is a boy, Pam Clemmons says he will be named after his father, a father he will never know. 1:17 in length

NBC 4 at 5, September 8, 2006. Homeland Security. For the first time our camera was allowed to see the Headquarters for the Joint Terrorism Task Force here in Columbus. Before 9/11 this group didn't exist. We have 50 members of the Joint Terrorism Task Force; only 20 are FBI, the rest are State, Local and Federal Agencies. While terrorist threats here in Central Ohio are rare, those who help the terrorists are not. Iyman Farris was a Columbus truck driver convicted of trying to blow up the Brooklyn Bridge. 1:20 in length

NBC 4 Today at 5, September 11, 2006. OSU Riot Plan. After game celebrations turned into fires in the area east of campus. Firefighters today said 50 fires were set Saturday night after Ohio State's victory over Texas. The damage included couches burning, dumpster fires and a car whose paint was melted off due to the fires. Columbus Police made 17 arrests that night, 5 of which were for arson. :25 in length

NBC 4 at 6, September 11, 2006. Credit Battle. A forgotten medical bill of only a few dollars or perhaps a minor debt you never received notice of, or maybe just a mistake. All of it can impact your credit score. Finding the mistake is the first step, but getting it removed is not as simple. What steps can you take to correct the problem? Take it to the source, while disputing the credit bureaus, contact the creditor responsible for the error directly as well. Send all supporting documentation. The Federal Trade Commission is required to transmit complaints to the 3 major credit bureaus, so complain and send a copy of your complaint to the State Attorney General's Office. Keep a paper trail and consider using certified mail. According to the Public Interest Research Groups, as many as 79 of credit reports have errors and 25% of which are serious enough to potentially result in a credit denial. :55 in length

Meet The Press aired Sundays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Aired July 9 from 8:00-9:00 a.m. Aired September 24 1:00-2:00 p.m. Repeat from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Dateline NBC: Aired Fridays from 8:00-9:00 p.m. Aired July 1 and July 29 from 8:00-9:00 p.m. Aired Sundays from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Did not air August 18. Aired Saturdays August 5 and August 12 8:00-10:00 p.m.. Aired Saturday, August 19 from 10:00-11:00 p.m. Aired Sundays August 6 and August 13 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Aired Monday August 28 from 9:00-10:00 p.m. Aired Saturday September 2 from 9:00-10:00 p.m.. Aired Fridays September 8 & September 15 from 8:00-9:00 p.m. Aired Wednesday September 13 from 9:00-10:00 p.m. Aired Fridays September 22 & September 29 from 9:00-10:00 p.m. Aired Saturday September 23 from 8:00-9:00 p.m. Aired Saturday September 30 from 8:00-10:00 p.m.

NBC News Special Report: President Bush Press Conference aired July 7 from 11:00a.m.-12:00 p.m.

NBC News Special Report: President Bush Remarks aired August from 11:49-11:44 a.m.

NBC News Special Report: President Bush Press Conference aired August 21 from 10:00-11:00 a.m.

NBC News Special Report: President Bush aired September 15 from 11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

NBC 4: Football Friday Night Kick-Off aired August 24 from 7:00-7:30 p.m.

NBC 4: Profiles in Courage: A Kennedy Legacy aired August 26 from 8:00-9:00 p.m.

NBC 4: Football Friday Night Kick-Off aired August 26 from 1:30-2:00 p.m.

NBC 4: OSU Football Kick-Off Special: The Run for Number 1 aired August 31 from 7:00-7:30 p.m.

NBC 4: Arlington: In Eternal Vigil aired September 3 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

#### **Public Service Announcements**

Children's Hunger Alliance

:10 in length  
Aired July 1-July 31

Children's Hunger Alliance  
:30 in length  
Aired July 2-September 9

Children's Hunger Alliance  
:04 in length  
Aired July 1-September 28

Children's Hunger Alliance  
:15 in length  
Aired July 1-August 20

Hope Street Kids Services  
:04 in length  
Aired July 31-August 19

Hope Street Kids Services  
:10 in length  
Aired August 2-August 19

Online Sex Exploration  
:30 in length  
Aired September 24-September 25

## IX. MINORITY

NBC 4 at 6, July 9, 2006. Acorn National Convention. Former Senator Jon Edwards, Democrat, stated: "Let me ask you something: Are rich white people the only people in America that are entitled to have their kids go to good schools." The words of former Senator Edwards rang in Ruby Cardwell's ears. She's 9 months pregnant. Together with her disabled father she is going door to door trying to generate support to raise Ohio's minimum wage, more than 33%, to \$6.85 per hour. Cardwell says to her and to more than 700 thousand Ohioans, it's simply a question of survival. State Republicans say they support raising the State Minimum Wage, but believe the Democratic push to get the issue on the November ballot is just a political ploy designed to get more voters to the poll. 1:20 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, July 12, 2006. Insurance Arrests. We can't show you their faces but all of the people coming out of these vans are wanted. Illegal immigrants who are in Franklin County and are not supposed to be according to the US Department of Homeland Security. There is a sizable illegal immigration problem in the US. It is one of Homeland Security's major enforcement to target illegal aliens and go after the methods that allow them to stay here. So far dozens have been arrested and charged with various crimes including attempted murder, drug possession and robbery. Investigators say if these immigrants have already appeared before a judge, they can be deported quickly. :56 in length

NBC 4 at 11, July 20, 2006. Black Crime Meeting. Columbus Community Leaders are asking for more ideas and solutions to help young African American Males. Statistics presented tonight show they account for the vast majority of homicide suspects and are the most likely to be the victims of homicides in Columbus. City Councilman Kevin Boyce knows well the pain of sudden and violent loss. :18 in length

NBC 4 at 6, August 2, 2006. Stolen Air Conditioner. The children were planting 2 seeds not far from where thieves stole not one but two air conditioners. "We use it in the curriculum; there are people who don't respect others. We want those children we don't to turn into those people." Emanuel Judkins discovered the stolen AC's at the Wesley Church of Hope. Police say the lines were cut and someone hauled them away. They weigh a couple of hundred pounds. The church has other air conditioners. But the ones that were stolen primarily kept the sanctuary cool. It is warm inside the sanctuary and this small Southside church doesn't know if new AC's, which will cost more than \$7,000 will be in place for this Sunday's service. 1:06 in length

NBC 4 Midday, August 3, 2006. Survivor-Hunger. Cindy Daniels is on a mission to charge lives one family at a time. There was a time as a single parent that she couldn't put food on the table for her 3 children. "My children never knew what situation

we were in." Now that Cindy is back on her feet, she's devoting her time to helping other struggling families. Cindy makes regular visits to Home Child Care Providers. She arms them with the tools and the encouragement they need to help get them back on "Their" feet. She realizes that the dark time in her life is the light at the end of the tunnel for someone else. :59 in length

NBC 4 at 5, August 16, 2006. Charity Scams. The unsolicited letter begins to criticize Mexican President Vicente Fox, asking for your help to stop him for stealing the money you've worked for all of your life. It claims President Fox wants to hand out American Social Security money to large groups of Mexicans who've returned to their country after spending undocumented time in the United States. Consumer experts say the letters are targeting older Americans who may be concerned about the future of their Social Security Benefits. The President of Mexico has never proposed giving undocumented workers benefits paid for by others. There is a House bill that would keep undocumented workers from getting benefits based on what they themselves have paid into the Social Security System. Never feel pressured to donate, especially if it's unsolicited, ask for a name and call back number. Legitimate fund raisers never have a problem mailing you additional information. :50 in length

NBC 4 at 6, September 5, 2006. Homeless Bans. Are they good Samaritans or are they breaking the law? In many places, people who feed the homeless are under attack. As more cities ban feeding the needy in public places, those in favor of the law say it helps the homeless. While opponents say it makes them starve. Last month Las Vegas banned feeding the homeless in most parks. Joining a list of cities across the country, including Orlando and Dallas, that have restrictions on where the needy can be fed. :25 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, September 5, 2006. Homeland Presser. If you see something, say something... That's the new motto for the Ohio Department of Homeland Security. Homeland Security Officials joined COTA and local law enforcement today to talk about the new public awareness campaign. They want central Ohioans to be more alert when it comes to possible terrorism concerns. They have a new number you can call 1-877-OHSINTEL. The campaign is an effort to educate people about the possible signs of terrorism. :25 in length

NBC 4 at 11, September 5, 2006. Runaway Finding. 17 year-old Deidra Henderson was working Saturday night at the Regal Cinema in the River Valley Mall when something didn't seem right. A young girl had come into the theatre and was asking for money. There were other strange behaviors. What she didn't know at the time, was that girl was 11 year-old Jasmine Myers. This picture and description had been released just hours earlier. She had run away from a foster home. The teenager did know she needed to get involved and contacted security, who contacted the Sheriff's office and got her back into foster care. Fairfield County Sheriff Dave Phalen says it is involvement like this that can keep a bad situation from becoming much worse. "The sooner we get a call from someone, it certainly lessens the opportunity the young person could get into some type of problems." 1:10 in length

NBC 4 Today at 6, September 8, 2006. Wal-Mart Shoppers. Walmart is tailoring some stores to target different demographics. It's stocking items in a number of different locations to appeal to 6 groups of shoppers: African-Americans, Hispanics, empty-nesters, rural residents, suburbanites and affluent shoppers. For instance, a store in a wealthy Texas neighborhood carries pricey wines and a surplus of organic foods. And one outside Chicago increased certain music sections for African-Americans shoppers. :21 in length

NBC 4: Hispanic Heritage Awards aired September 30 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

#### **Public Service Announcements**

UNCF Walk-A-Thon

:20 in length

Aired August 6-September 2

UNCF Walk-A-Thon

:04 in length

Aired August 3-August 30

UNCF Walk-A-Thon

:15 in length

Aired August 4-September 3

UNCF Walk-A-Thon

:10 in length

Aired September 1-September 8

Black Tie & Tennis Shoe Gala (African American Diabetes Management)  
:04 in length  
Aired September 28-September 30

Black Tie & Tennis Shoe Gala (African American Diabetes Management)  
:10 in length  
Aired September 29

## X. EMPLOYMENT

NBC 4 Weekend Today at 5, July 1, 2006. Capital Layoffs. The third largest university in Columbus is laying-off dozens of employees. 75 positions will be eliminated to lower expenses at Capital University. 41 positions will be eliminated on the University's main campus in Bexley. No faculty positions have been eliminated. Other cost cutting measures include program cuts and a review of expenditures that do not impact the student experience. :19 in length

NBC 4 Today at 6, July 10, 2006. Minimum Wage/Senator Edwards. The parade of big name politicians will continue to come through the capital city today. Former Senator John Edwards was here Sunday to speak in front of the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now. They are holding a national conference here in Columbus. The topic of Edwards's discussion "raising the minimum wage." :26 in length

NBC 4 at 11, July 14, 2006. Don't Get Fired. Leonard Jennings knows what it feels like to be let go, when his company restructured, he was suddenly out the door. All of us worry about facing a firing squad. But recruiter Barbara Stoltz explains you can protect your career by taking a few steps. Frequently, but subtly let your manager know about your successes. Get your work done, but also be social, visible and relate to your boss. It's not just your boss you need to worry about, it's the person next to you who might want your job. Also, keeping learning, maybe a new language. 1:25 in length

NBC 4 Today at 6, July 27, 2006. Working Vacation. If you spend your vacation working, you're not alone. A new survey has found about 43% of office employees work during their vacations. That's up more than 20% from 10 years ago. Most of those surveyed said they use laptop computers, cell phones or blackberries to complete assignments. The survey also found 61% of Americans don't use all of their allotted vacation time. :22 in length

NBC 4 at 5, August 3, 2006. Most Admired Jobs. What are the most admired jobs in American? Forbes Magazine asked hundreds of people the same question. The survey finds firefighting is the most admired profession. Doctors came in second, with nurses following in third. Scientist ranked fourth and teachers rounded out the top five. For the study researchers polled over 100 adults on their perceptions of 23 common jobs. :20 in length

NBC 4 Today at 6, August 4, 2006. AOL Layoffs. Internet provider AOL has plans to delete thousands of jobs, as it offers more services for free. As many as 5000 America On Line employees will be laid off. AOL says it will need fewer customer-support centers. Once it cuts back on dial-up marketing and stops charging high-speed customers for 3-mail and other services. Affected employees will get the work in September or October. :21 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, August 4, 2006. July Employment. We get a look at the first economic numbers for July. The government releases its July employment data today. It's the first major set of numbers that provides a look at how the economy performed last month. This comes after yesterday's announcement that jobless workers seeking aid rose by 14,000 last week. The number of people remaining on jobless rolls rose by 11,000 to 2.48 million. :22 in length

NBC 4 Today at 6, August 17, 2006. Dangerous Jobs. What do you do for a living? Is it dangerous? Fishermen, loggers and pilots have ranked as the most dangerous jobs of 2005 according to the Bureau of Labor statistics. For the year, more than 5,700 people were killed on the job. That's a drop from 2004. More than 40% of all fatalities involved workers who drive or move goods around. :20 in length

NBC 4 at 6, September 6, 2006. Minimum Wage. Ohio voters get the chance to decide if the state should raise the minimum wage. Supporters are asking voters to approve a nearly \$2 an hour raise for minimum wage workers, from the current \$5.15 an hour to \$6.85. The Secretary of State's Office says the group has turned in enough signatures to get the measure on the November Ballot. :23 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, September 7, 2006. Jobless Claims. Some good news job seekers. The latest snapshot of the job market



suggests it is firm. The Labor Department says the number of new claims for jobless benefits dropped to 310 thousand last week. :12 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, September 8, 2006. Ground Breaking. City Officials promise to be good neighbors during an upcoming construction, that will also build in some new jobs. Mayor Mike Coleman was on hand to help break ground this morning on a 26 million dollar fleet management facility on Groves Road, that's on the east side. The 150 thousand square foot facility will be home to 120 jobs, where city employees will oversee the maintenance of city vehicles. The city promised to avoid unnecessary construction delays and keep noise down while work is underway. :29 in length

#### **Public Service Announcements**

U.S Coast Guard (Ohio Association of Broadcasters)

:15 in length

Aired July 1-September 17

Voter ID Required

:15 in length

Aired September 27

Voter ID Required

:30 in length

Aired September 24-September 30

## **XI. ENVIRONMENT**

NBC 4 at Midday, July 3, 2006. Mosquito Fogging. Today in Central Ohio, health officials will be fogging for mosquitoes in order to control the spread of the West Nile Virus. The Columbus Health Department started their fogging program early Friday morning. They are targeting 50 public parks and bike paths. Before the sun came up this morning, crews fogged for mosquitoes in Dodge, Berlinger, McCoy, Clinton, Goodale, Anheiser Bush, Antrim, Tuttle, Schiller and Stockbridge Parks. :22 in length

NBC 4 at 11, July 3, 2006. Columbus Water Test. Fun on the water is a summer time tradition. But every time it rains, our rivers and streams here in central Ohio become dangerous places. Tests we studies found chemicals, like nitrate, atrazine or alachlor, fertilizer run off. That may not be the worst of it. Do we want raw sewage discharging into our water supply? That's what happened according to environmentalist Cyanc Gresham, and it can ruin your fun. If you have a bad cut or your child has one and you go in the river you risk infection. Doctors say more common are ear infections when swimming or skiing in local water. The problem – the sewers and drains can't handle the overflow when it rains. The dam at Green lawn, a popular fishing hole, is the place where according to the city more sewage and rain water is released than any other place, a half a billion gallons of sewage last year. What is the city doing? They test for bacteria once a month. 1:40 in length

NBC 4 at 5, July 12, 2006. New Recycle. The City of Columbus is applauding the work of a new private recycling business – The Grossman Group Incorporated. They take truckloads of paper garbage only, not from homes just yet, only from businesses. Sorting machines eliminate any part that's contaminated, and condense the rest to be reused. They recycle a hundred tons of waste a day, but for perspective, 3,500 tons go into our area's landfill each day. So has the city's support, helping them move into the old trash-burning power plant, been worth it? Mayor Mike Coleman says yes. "We receive actually a fee from this operator for the work that they and the recycled products that they deliver and resell over the country." The city just revealed a pilot program which let residents use blue bags to recycle from their homes has been scrapped do to low participation. 1:20 in length

NBC 4 at 6, July 19, 2006. Gahanna Landfill. Gahanna city leaders went to the county treasurer 3 years ago, trying to figure out what to do with all this, a big pit in the ground, dug by an old brick company, later filled with trash, then out of business. Nobody wants to take title to it, you have an out-of-business company that's no longer responsible for it, but owns it, so delinquent taxes started to pile up. It took foreclosing, changing state law, cleaning up the title, winning millions in cleanup grants, but now a project which will be known as Central Park of Gahanna is almost ready to break ground. It will be a 9 hole training course, family friendly, no rushing also some retail and room for a restaurant. The Non-profit Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation which is leading the change, thinks this is just the beginning for similar troubled properties. 1:17 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, July 23, 2006. Mohican Gas Line. Columbia Gas Transmission has 2 gas lines that run the length of Janet Mizer's farm and they have a lot of disagreements. "They want to say their right of way is my entire farm, so they want to drive everywhere on it and we disagree about that." She says she also has a problem with the company ruining her crops, removing trees and even threatening her own safety. While walking on her property, she says she literally fell into the company's latest project. Mizer says she was lucky enough to be rescued before drowning in the 10 foot hole, but she says the company continues to use intimidation, empty promises to pursue their plans, a tactic she says they're using in Mohican State Park. Columbia Gas says they understand public opposition to removal of trees in the right of way, but say they need the wider path to ensure public safety and reliable operation of underground pipelines and 54 storage wells in the Mohican forest. But Mizer says her cane and bad shoulder is evidence that public safety isn't their main concern. 1:10 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, July 26, 2006. Mosquito Killers. Planters that hold water are perfect breeding grounds, especially after a rain, and they're easy to forget about. Dump them as often as possible. Adult mosquitoes like to hide in shady places, so trim the plants around your patio or spray them with an insecticide. The experts say consumer grade foggers don't usually work very well after the first few minutes. Citronella candles may help but if it's too close to a plant they may swarm out and then come after you. Repellants definitely help, whether they're sprays or wipes. Just make sure they contain DEET. It's the most effective. 1:03 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, August 4, 2006. Heat Couple Death. It was 8 o'clock Thursday evening when a Columbus Police Officer went to the South James Road home of 88 year-old Earl Crause and his 87 year-old wife, Rosemary. Their daughter, who lives in Chillicothe, had asked police to check on the couple, when she got no response to a routine Thursday evening phone call. The couple's daughter says there may have been little anyone could have done. She says her parents were very private, and did not welcome intrusion, even from family. The family did convince the couple to allow a Home Health-Care worker in. That worker came by for the first time on Wednesday and got no answer. Having no previous contact with the couple, it was not clear that a lack of response would be unusual, so no one was notified. The daughter says the home did have an air conditioner, but it was very old and in need of replacement. She says her parent had the money to buy a new one, but didn't want to spend it. 1:08 in length

NBC 4 Today at 6, August 7, 2006. Mosquito Fogging. In light of the recent heat wave, health officials are stepping up efforts to fight mosquitoes and the West Nile Virus. This morning fogging started at 4 o'clock in North Columbus. Crews began fogging in the area south of the Southern Railroad tracks to 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, between Norfolk and the Olentangy River. Tomorrow morning Worthington residents will see the fogging truck in their neighborhoods. :21 in length

NBC 4 at 5, August 8, 2006. Mirror Lake Cleaning. Ohio State is getting down and dirty, as they begin the cleaning process of Mirror Lake. Earlier today the lake was drained and all the goldfish moved temporarily to ponds on west campus. The lake is being cleaned to remove leaf debris and trash that has built up the past 4 years. Water and wildlife will be returned to Mirror Lake in 2 weeks. :21 in length

NBC 4 at 6, August 8, 2006. Storm Repairs. It can happen at anytime, sudden damage and a big cleanup. Natural disasters can bring out the best in people, as strangers pitch in to help, but it can also bring people who choose to take advantage. You want to avoid doing any business with anybody that comes to your door without thoroughly checking them out first. Sounds basic but a lot of people who are desperate for a quick repair, are most likely to fall victim. Check with your insurance company about policy coverage. Get at least 3 estimates, get everything in writing to avoid confusion and to protect yourself, and consider how you'll pay for the repairs. Never pay for the entire project up front and never pay in cash. With a check, you'll have a record in case of a problem later. :50 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, August 10, 2006. EPA/Mill Run. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency is looking for public comments on development in Delaware. They are holding a public hearing today to answer questions and take comments about 218 acre site located on the south side of US 36. That meeting is set for 6:30 tonight at the Delaware City Hall in the Council Chambers. :19 in length

NBC 4 Today at 6, August 14, 2006. Delco Water. Water has become somewhat of a hot commodity in Delaware County. The Del-Co Water Company's supply has reached critically low levels. As a result, Del-Co has a mandatory lawn watering ban for all customers until Tuesday, in hopes of replenishing its supply. :14 in length

NBC 4 at 11, August 15, 2006. Georgia Pacific. Nearly 10 years after an explosion killed one man and injured four other workers at the Georgia Pacific plant in Columbus, a neighborhood still fights it. Tonight Southside neighbors of the Georgia Pacific plant told an Ohio EPA public hearing that a renewal permit for the plant to continue to manufacture urea-formaldehyde should not be issued. The chemical is used in pressed wood products and has been shown to cause cancer in animals. Georgia Pacific is continually under a microscope since the explosion in September of 1997. In 2001 residents of the area were awarded

22 million dollars. Part of that money was to fund a preventative medicine program for neighbors. Tonight EPA members didn't defend Georgia Pacific, they gave no promises the neighbors will get what they want. :55 in length

NBC 4 at 6, August 20, 2006. Shred It Day. Wouldn't you love to get rid of all the old papers, bills, personal documents you have stored around the house? We, we can help. NBC4 is working for you with "Shred It Day." We'll be at the Scarlet Lot at the Schottenstein Center next Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup>, from 8 till 2. There is a 5 box limit and no businesses please. :30 in length

NBC 4 at 11, August 22, 2006. West Nile in Licking County. The Licking County Health Department confirms that a Blue-Jay found dead in downtown Johnstown has tested positive for West Nile Virus. This is the first reported case of West Nile Virus in Licking County this year. Dan Perkins found the bird behind a house just off the center of town. He gave it to the Health Department who then came to the area and set traps for mosquitoes. :23 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, August 23, 2006. EPA Meeting. Some residents living on the Southside of Columbus have big concerns about the air they're breathing. Last night they shared their concerns at a hearing. Dozens of Southside residents came to explain why they think the EPA should not issue an air permit for the Georgia-Pacific plant. It would let the plant emit more of a chemical that's been shown to cause cancer in animals. Some residents say they're fed up with Georgia-Pacific. :25 in length

NBC 4 Today at 6, September 1, 2006. Bad Bottle Water. A central Ohio woman says something is definitely wrong with a case of water she bought recently, and the Sheriff's Department agrees. Brown says the water had a distinct chemical taste and smell to it. She got sick after drinking it. She called the Sheriff's Office and had a Deputy open each of the remaining sealed bottles in the case. :31 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, September 2, 2006. Crop Circles. Earlier this week evidence in a Pickaway County field confirmed a weak tornado touchdown Monday. Swirling winds flattened 60 acres of corn near Circleville in a tell-tale counterclockwise pattern. That's how I knew Monday evening the funnel cloud caught on home video reached the ground, confirmed by the Weather Service the next day. Also this week, a Crawford County farmer discovered his corn knocked down in a mysterious pattern, this time suggesting a "Scully and Mulder" type of investigation. :25 in length

NBC 4 at 11, September 5, 2006. SWACO Interchange. Spend a few minutes at the Interchange at 71 and 665 and you'll see the problem. Trucks can't get around the tight corners, cars have trouble getting out of Haughn Road and the backups are nightmarish at rush hour. The solution: a "single-point Hurban Interchange" It's just like the one at 270 and Sawmill. And Haughn Road would be re-routed through land owned by SWACO. SWACO estimates the savings in fuel and labor costs will be more than 3 million dollars over 20 years. The total cost of the project is about 43 million. SWACO may help pay for the Haughn Road portion. It's scheduled to be completed in 2013. 1:02 in length

NBC 4 at 5, September 11, 2006. Hebron Spill. Ohio State Highway Troopers and Licking County Sheriff's Deputies raced to State Route 79 around 4 AM this morning. They discovered an overturned Pilot Fuel tanker, leaking diesel fuel. OSP says 33 year-old Perry Bowyer was driving southbound on 79, when he lost control and hit a guardrail, the tanker jumped on top of the rail and slid for 150 feet. Bowyer was partially ejected from the driver's side window. The truck landed on top of him.. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Deputies shut down State Route 79 from Hebron to Beaver Run Road for nearly 8 hours. EMA officials say fuel rolled into Beaver Run Creek. They had to build what's called an Over and Under dam. It's going to take several days to clean up the waterways and soil. No Licking County drinking water was affected. OSP is looking into whether or not fatigue played a factor in this crash. 1:15 in length

NBC 4 at 11, September 11, 2006. Smokeless Ohio. For many counties in Ohio, smoking is not allowed in restaurants or pool halls. But Smoke Free Ohio wants to take it one step further. "It would eliminate second hand smoke everywhere and businesses would operate under the same set of rules." However, Smoke Less Ohio has other plans. "Banning smoking in 90% of places but with exception in bars restaurants." Both groups need to get over 300,000 valid signatures each to be on the November ballot. "Smoke Free Ohio certified for the ballot that we needed." But that's not the case for Smoke Less Ohio. Close to 50,000 signatures were found to be fraudulent. According to the Secretary of State's office, the group has 10 days to gather 50,000 valid signatures. If that happens, then it's up to you to decide come November 7<sup>th</sup>. 1:10 in length

NBC News Special: Katrina: The Long Road Back aired August 28 from 8:05-9:00 p.m.

NBC 4 Special Report: Tornado & Thunderstorm Warnings in Central Ohio aired July 3 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. and 6:30 - 7:02 p.m.

NBC 4 Special Report: Tornado & Thunderstorm Warnings in Central Ohio aired July 10 from 3:55-5:00 p.m.

NBC 4 Special Report: Tornado & Thunderstorm Warnings in Central Ohio aired July 11 from 8:39-9:03 p.m.

NBC 4 Special Report: Tornado & Thunderstorm Warnings in Central Ohio aired July 11 from 9:05-10:06 p.m., 10:21-10:22 p.m. and 10:31-10:32 p.m.

NBC 4 Special Report: Tornado & Thunderstorm Warnings in Central Ohio aired July 14 from 8:54-9:32 p.m.

NBC 4 Special Report: Tornado & Thunderstorm Warnings in Central Ohio aired August 28 from 6:38-8:05 p.m.

NBC 4: 4 Your Garden with Tom McNutt aired September 13 from 7:00-7:30 p.m. Re-aired September 17 from 12:30-1:00 p.m.

#### **Public Service Announcements**

Fireworks Safety Tips

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Aired July 1-July 2

Fireworks Safety Tips

:15 in length

Aired July 1-July 3

## **XII. CULTURAL ARTS**

NBC 4 Weekend Edition at 6, July 1, 2006. Picnic with the Pops. Today in Central Ohio, it's your chance to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> a few days early. Tonight, the Columbus Symphony Orchestra is hosting their Patriotic Pops Concert at the Chemical Abstracts Lawn, right here on Olentangy River Road. The concert starts at 8:15 with a fireworks finale. Tickets are still available. :10 in length

NBC 4 at 11, July 12, 2006. Insane Clown Posse. They're called Juggalos. They're followers of a band called Insane Clown Posse. Over the next few days, thousands of Juggalos will be setting up camp in Pataskala, for a 4 day concert with over a hundred bands, including the ICP. Some people love and some churchgoers living nearby don't see a similarity. Missy Gray read about the group online. There's been people victimized, things like that. That's why Gray passed out these flyers, warning neighbors about a "Treasure Hunt" that may involve vandalizing homes and stealing property. All we can do is keep things locked up, look out for our stuff and our neighbors stuff too. Juggalos say they come to have fun, not make trouble and the scavenger hunt is just that. 1:18 in length

NBC 4 at 5:30, July 13, 2006. Juggalos in Town. The weekend gathering is just now getting underway at the Frontier Rand Music Center. And it's causing concern for residents in this area. In the past, some fans associated with the band "The Insane Clown Posse" have been charged with stealing and physical violence. They band's followers are called Juggalos, they say they go to the concerts to enjoy the music. They also hold a scavenger hunt and that's what has residents worried. :25 in length

NBC 4 at 11, July 14, 2006. Zoo Musical. The storms stayed clear of the zoo tonight, much as they have for Opera Columbus holding a fundraiser there tonight. A month ago, facing a mounting debt, Opera Columbus faced closure. Corporate donations helped, a big financing assist from Huntington Bank got them close. But the company was still \$200,000 short just days from having to shut its doors, until an unexpected gift from longtime supporter Rosalee Palius. :21 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, July 18, 2006. Lancaster Festival. The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lancaster Festival kicks off Thursday. It's a beloved tradition in Central Ohio, a celebration of music and art. This year the party's bigger and better than ever. With us today is Executive Director Lou Ross. 2 Headliners - Pointer Sisters perform Saturday Night, Peter Cetera (Chicago) performs Saturday. Lancaster Festival Orchestra at St. Mary's Church open the event at 8 PM Thursday. 3:00 in length

NBC 4 at 6, August 19, 2006. Lancaster Air Show. The breathtaking twists, turns and dives are sure to thrill. "It's like the best amusement park ride." A ride that takes Greg Poe, airline pilot, all across the country. He says wowing crowds is a lifelong passion. "I'm just a kid from Idaho, and made my dreams come true" If you think his flying is awesome, so is his plane and all its fancy gadgets. Here at the Wings of Victory Air Show the unique planes are attention grabbing. This year the show features aircraft used in the Air Force today. 1:20 in length



NBC 4 at Midday, September 1, 2006. Arts Entertainment. It's a long holiday weekend, that means there's a lot going on. One of my favorites is the Millersport Sweet Corn Festival. This is going on tonight and tomorrow. Highlights include Nashville star Sammy Kershaw in concert tonight. Millersport is 27 miles east of Columbus and admission is free. The Greek Festival kicks off today with lots of food and Greek music and dancing at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church on North High Street. It runs through Monday. Monday is the Annual Upper Arlington Labor Day Arts Festival at Northam Park. Dozens of juried artists will fill the park with everything from glasswork to jewelry. Admission is free. And due to popular demand COSI (Center of Science and Industry) will extend their hours this weekend. Today through Monday the doors will stay open until 9 PM. 1:00 in length

NBC 4 at Midday, September 6, 2006. Fun Activities in Central Ohio. The Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival kicks off tonight at Civic Park. This free event includes tomato exhibits, contest, rides and more and runs through Sunday. The Marion Popcorn Festival starts tomorrow with fun, food and free entertainment. This runs through Saturday. This weekend head to Olde Towne East in Columbus for the Hot Time Community Music & Arts Festival. This is also a free event celebrating musicians, dancers, poets and more. 1:00 in length

NBC 4 Today at 5, September 7, 2006. Cedar Point Announcement. This morning news out of Cedar Point that they will be adding another roller coaster to the park. "Maverick" will be the park's 17<sup>th</sup> coaster. The steel ride will have a 95 degree drop and will take rides within 5 feet of the ground. At 21 million dollars this is the single largest investment in the Park's history. Maverick is scheduled to open for the 2007 park season. :23 in length

Red, White & Boom Live! aired July 3 from 9:00-11:00 p.m.

#### **Public Service Announcements**

4 Our Community Calendar

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Aired July 1-September 30

Broadway Across America/Mama Mia

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Aired September 22-September 30

Columbus Italian Festival

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Aired September 14-September 30

Columbus Italian Festival

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Aired September 14-September 30